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CHUNGKING, Jan. 2.

AT AN EMERGENCY joint plenary session of the Central Executive, and Control committees of the Kuomintang yesterday afternoon, it was decided to expel Wang Ching-wei from the party permanently.

At the same time a statement, addressed to the Chinese and foreign public vigorously denounced Wang Ching-wei's so-called "peace movement" as completely violating party discipline.

The statement reaffirmed the determination of the Kuomintang and the Chinese Government to follow the policy enunciated by Chiang Kai-shek in his speech on December 26.

At yesterday's meeting, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek advocated leniency towards Wang, proposing that he be given friendly advice first, then a warning, and finally expulsion if he did not heed the warning.

The Kuomintang leaders, however, are stated to be most indignant at Wang's peace message, and unanimously adopted a resolution for his permanent expulsion from the party.

The National Government Office also issued an official mandate ordering the arrest and punishment of all who participated in the regime established by the Japanese as traitors.—Reuter.

HONGKONG CORPORAL'S DASH WAS IN VAIN

Mother Dies After Reunion With Son

THE DRAMATIC DASH of Corporal John Walker from Hongkong to England last month to visit his mother, Mrs. Ada Walker, who was lying dangerously ill in a hospital at Shoreditch, and who was continuing calling out for her son, although succeeding to the extent of allowing Corporal Walker to reach his mother's bedside in time for them to greet each other, ended on a note of tragedy yesterday.

According to a "Reuter" cable received from London this morning, Mrs. Walker died in the Shoreditch hospital yesterday.

The mother remained alive, despite her serious condition, for nearly three weeks after the reunion with her son. Walker, and at one time hopes were entertained that his presence might bring about a miraculous recovery, but after an initial rally, due to the joy of seeing her son again, Mrs. Walker gradually sank, and the end, not at all unexpected, came yesterday.

It was the mother's constant calls for her only son which induced Mr. E. Thurtle, Labour M.P. for Shoreditch to intervene with the War Office and to secure telegraphed instructions for Corporal Walker's leave from Hongkong to be put forward so that he could rush immediately to England to see his dying mother.

Corporal King missed the outgoing troopship Dorchester by one day but he caught the Gneisenau from Hongkong and reached Southampton on December 14, visiting his mother in hospital the next day.

Kung-po would join Wang Ching-wei.

In conclusion, he absolutely refuted the rumour that Wang's trip to Hongkong might have been undertaken on an understanding with Chiang Kai-shek.

"I know, and I am confident that Chiang Kai-shek has absolutely nothing to do with Wang Ching-wei's action," he declared.—Reuter.

LONDON REACTION

London, Jan. 1.

The stock exchanges closed today, hence there is no indication of the influence of Wang Ching-wei's demarche on Far Eastern loans.

Newspapers do not specially give prominence to the demarche, and some even totally ignore it.

Much greater attention is given to the American note to Japan, of which, the "Times" Washington correspondent says that when the note was given to the American press, it was accompanied by the intimation that it must be considered as America's fundamental summing-up of what had been contended in detail of many of the earlier communications, and as such, was designed to close that phase of the matter.

The Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says the feeling is growing in official circles that something more is needed to meet the present situation than "non-recognition."

Some London observers predict that Wang Ching-wei will get the support of the Chinese business community. The general feeling is that the demarche will prove to be a damp squib.

"It is regrettable, but it will make no difference to China's solemnly declared policy," said Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, in an interview.—Reuter.

A TEDDY BEAR THAT SNUGGLES!



HONGKONG KIDNAPERS WILL ENVY this little Australian girl, who has for a Christmas present a real, live "teddy bear." The girl, with her little koola, lives at Lone Pine, in Brisbane.—A. N. T. A. Photo.

Dramatic Air Search For Imprisoned Wife

SEARCH FOR A WIFE who "was having trouble with the Soviet authorities" was the dramatic motive for an unauthorized flight into Soviet Russia which cost Bryan Grover, 37-year-old London engineer, a fine of 1,500 roubles, confiscation of his plane and an order forbidding him to enter Soviet territory for five years.



A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH of the Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, who figures in the New Year Honours list.

INSURGENT TROOPS IN CUBELLS

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 1.

THE INSURGENTS to-day occupied Cubells, which has been their main objective in the Balaguer sector.

The capture followed two days of bombardment by aircraft and artillery, and it is now claimed that the Loyalists would thus lose their main line of communications with the forces in north Catalonia.

The insurgents claim they are exploiting their success by advancing

WAR TAKES A HOLIDAY IN FAR EAST

FOR THE FIRST TIME in almost eighteen months complete peace has reigned throughout China.

War took a holiday on all fronts in order to celebrate the birth of the New Year.

Not even isolated skirmishes have been reported, field despatches to Chungking say.

Chinese forces which on December 31 were closing in on Fashien, 25 miles north of Canton, and 15 1/2 miles south-west of Tsungfa broke off their advance shortly before midnight on New Year's morning in order to join in the celebrations with the peasants.

Similarly, on the Hunan front, the Japanese defending Yoyang were allowed 24 hours' respite while both sides ate their meals on New Year feasts.

It is believed, however, that the lull will be short-lived. The Yoyang defenders are being hard-pressed by the Chinese attackers, and the fall of Yoyang is believed imminent.

Similarly, the Japanese are believed to be making preparations to renew their westward drive into Kwangtung, and the northward and southward drives along the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Chinese military planes made their last raid of 1938 when they visited Nanking on the morning of December 30, and dropped four bombs on the old Arsenal, which is now Japanese military headquarters. The missiles made direct hits, causing, it is claimed, a large number of casualties.

Radio Patrols' Quick Work

London, Jan. 1.

The efficiency of the wireless equipment in police cars in London was shown last night when two cases of arrest were made soon after a wireless message had been flashed to police cars patrolling streets.

In one case a shop window was smashed and two men were arrested for the crime within three minutes of the alarm being given.

In the other case a house was entered by thieves and the culprits were arrested five minutes later.—Reuter.

British Consular Official Arrested

Burgos, Jan. 2.

"Reuter" is authoritatively informed that Mr. Ernest Golding, British vice-consul in San Sebastian, and his wife were arrested there tonight by insurgent military police.

The action follows a local judicial inquiry into the ramifications of the affair in which a British consular bag was found by the insurgents to contain what was described as an incriminating package.—Reuter.

Polish Leader Dies

Warsaw, Jan. 2.

Roman Dmowski, former leader of the Polish National-Democrats, died to-day from pneumonia at the age of 74.

He represented Poland at the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919, and signed the peace treaty on behalf of Poland, together with M. Paderewski.

He was, for a short time, Foreign Minister at the end of 1923.

Owing to the coup d'etat of Pilsudski in 1926, and the defeat of the National-Democrats in March 1928, M. Dmowski retired from politics.—Trans-Ocean.

QUEEN SUFFERING FROM SLIGHT COLD

London, Jan. 1.

It is understood that the Queen is suffering from a slight cold, and she remained indoors at Sandringham to-day.—Reuter.

NEW BRITISH ENVOY TO ROME

London, Jan. 2.

Sir Percy Loder, C.B., C.M.G., C.M.A., Ambassador to Turkey since 1933, is to succeed Lord Perth as Ambassador to Rome when Lord Perth retires in April next.—Reuter.

MARCONI'S FORECAST COMES TRUE

Remarkable Television Feat By B.B.C.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

BRITISH TELEVISION programmes from Alexandra Palace have been seen and heard in America.

This astonishing news was transmitted to the B.B.C. by the Riverhead Station in New York.

The official radius within which television reception is guaranteed by the B.B.C. is 25 to 30 miles.

It is realized that reception over a distance of 2,000 miles may be possible in exceptional circumstances, but the event has caused surprise in the radio world.—Reuter.

B.B.C. television broadcasts are made on ultra-short waves of approximately 1 1/2 metres or less. These waves of enormous frequency were believed to have only quasi-optical range, i.e. a range similar to that of the eye.

During his visit to the Far East, the late Marchese Marconi told the "Telegraph" in an exclusive interview that this assumption had been proved incorrect by experiments he had just conducted aboard his yacht Elettra, and prophesied that ultra-short wave would ultimately be used to guide the earth with state-free beam broadcasts.

LATEST

WANG CHING-WEI IN HANOI

The "Telegraph" was informed this morning by an unimpeachable source that reports that Wang Ching-wei had departed for Shanghai by the Lloyd Trieste liner Conte Verde are absolutely without foundation.

The former Chinese Minister, it is disclosed, is still in hospital in Hanoi. He has not yet arrived in Hongkong and, according to latest information, may not come here, but may proceed direct to Europe by air.

The statement issued by Wang Ching-wei last week was telegraphed to Hongkong from Hanoi, and issued here by Mr. Wang Ching-wei's agents.

White Russian Pledge To Soviet

MOSCOW, Jan. 1.

THE PEOPLE of White Russia, one of the Soviet constituent States bordering Poland, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic, to-day sent telegrams of loyalty to M. Josef Stalin, M. Molotov and M. Voroshilov.

M. Voroshilov in acknowledgement said that the entire Soviet was ready to fight for Socialism and independence, and would rout all enemies.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT MAY THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.

MANY VITALLY IMPORTANT issues hang upon the deliberations of the 76th Congress which will assemble here tomorrow.

The Presidential message which will be read to Congress on Wednesday is likely to concentrate on the intensification of America's preparedness in the light of the deterioration of international relationships, with special reference to President Roosevelt's programme for "hemisphere defence," and the extension of the Monroe doctrine to provide for the united defences of America by all the republics of the hemisphere.

The President is expected to claim that for many years to come the burden of this ambitious programme will have to be chiefly borne by the United States navy and air force, and he will ask for a very substantial increase in the existing armament programme.

President Roosevelt will probably give expression to the serious view he now holds on the spread of totalitarianism, and without mentioning the three Powers of the anti-Communist pact by name, he is likely to make it plain that in the face of Japan's efforts to make herself overlord in the Far East, of Italy's efforts to expand in the Mediterranean, Germany's ambitions in Eastern Europe and the Ukraine, and the united drive of three Powers for markets and political advantages in South America, the United States has no alternative but to re-arm as intensively as she can without actually upsetting her domestic economy.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S DISCRIMINATION

Washington, Jan. 2.

The Administration intends to lay before Congress data showing the extent of discrimination against American trade in Japanese-occupied China, and in Germany.

What action may follow depends upon the strength of sentiment expressed in Congress and the country. President will not use the powers granted to him under section 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930, unless he is convinced that the nation is with him, but he gives a mandate, it is said, that the Administration will take retaliatory measures.

Section 338 of the Tariff Act empowers the President to impose prohibitive duties upon the imports of any nation discriminating against American trade, and even forbids the importation of other nations' goods in offenders' ships.

If discrimination continues thereafter, the President could embargo all trade with the offender. It is understood that the threat of this (Continued on Page 12.)

FOUR NEW PEERS IN NEW YEAR HONOURS

Four new Peers have been created in His Majesty's New Year Honours List.

In addition, His Majesty has conferred two Privy Counsellorships, two Baronetcies, 35 Knight Bachelorships (in addition to Dominion and Colonial lists) and two Orders of Merit.

The new Peers are Sir Maurice Hankoy, Cecil Harmsworth, Sir Laurence Phillips and Sir Arthur Greer.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Capt. Harry Crookshank are elevated to the Privy Council.

In Hongkong, the Order of Commander of the British Empire has been conferred upon the Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, the Order of Officer of the British Empire upon Mr. M. F. Roy and the Order of Member of the British Empire upon Mr. A. K. Taylor.

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FOUR PEERS IN NEW YEAR HONOURS

Diplomatic And Scientific Leaders Prominent In New Awards

"Man of Million Secrets" Elevated To Peerage

The New Year Honours conferred by His Majesty the King include four Barons, two Privy Counsellorships, two Baronetcies, 35 Knights Bachelors, in addition to many conferred in the Dominions and Colonies, and two Orders of Merits.

The new Peers are Sir Maurice Hankey, late Secretary of the Cabinet and the Committee of Imperial Defence, Cecil Harmsworth, Sir Laurence Phillips, the shipping magnate, and Sir Arthur Greer, Lord Justice of Appeal.

The full list is as follows:

BARONS

SIR ARTHUR GREER, the distinguished English lawyer and High Court Judge, was born in 1864, the son of a Liverpool merchant and was educated at Ormskirk Grammar, the Old Aberdeen Grammar School and Aberdeen University, where he graduated.

During the war he did valuable work in the Prize Court and was knighted in 1919. He has emphasised the need for more judges in order to expedite the administration of justice, and once suggested that ten more were necessary, and that he knew no civilised country in the world where the supply of High Court judges was so meagre as in England.

SIR MAURICE HANKEY, the "man of a million secrets", was the British secretary to the Peace Conference in 1919. In recognition of his services during the Great War he received the Order of Knight of the Grand Cross of the Bath and was granted £25,000. He has been one of the British directors of the Suez Canal. He is 62 years of age and was educated at Rugby. He is a South Australian and re-visited his native country for the first time since the Great War to attend the Melbourne Centenary celebrations in 1934. Lady Hankey is also a Colonial.

He resigned his post as Secretary to the Cabinet only a few months ago to become a Director of the Suez Canal Company.

CECIL HARMSWORTH is the younger brother of the late Lord Northcliffe and the present Lord Rothermere. In recent years he has done notable work as chairman of the Open Spaces Preservation Association and the Garden Cities Association and has been instrumental in abolishing many slums in London and other areas. During the Great War he acted as Minister of Blockade.

SIR LAURENCE PHILLIPS is the brother of the late Lord Kylsant and Lord St. David. He is prominently associated with the Royal Mail Union Castle and other shipping lines founded by his brother. He was educated at Folkestone School and the Royal School of Mines. In recent months the new peer has been associated prominently with Britain's new air re-armament.

PRIVY COUNCILLORS

RICHARD A. BUTLER, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, becomes one of the youngest Privy Counsellors in the British Empire. He was born in December, 1902, in India, where his father, Sir Montagu Butler, was Governor of the Central Provinces. At Cambridge, where he was educated, he took a double first—in modern languages and history—and was president of the Union. He entered the House of Commons at the age of 27 as Conservative M.P.

for Saffron Walden, Essex and became Parliamentary Private Secretary to India a few months later. He is a protégé of the Prime Minister, who made him Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour when he succeeded Lord Baldwin to the Premiership, and Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in February 1938.

CAPTAIN HARRY CROOKS-HANK, soldier, diplomat and statesman, is another coming young Privy Counsellor. He was born in May, 1893, and was educated at Eton, where he was a King's scholar, and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he had just taken second class honours in Moderations when the war began. He served throughout the War with the Hampshire Regiment, being twice wounded. Entering the diplomatic service in 1919, he soon forsook it for a parliamentary career and was elected Conservative M.P. for Gainsborough in 1924. He became Under Secretary for the Home Department three years ago.

BARONETS

JOHN DONALD POLLOCK is one of the greatest benefactors of Scottish education and is described as "Scotland's Lord Nuffield." He established a £250,000 educational trust for Scotland and later developed, as an extension of this, a big scheme for the welfare of Edinburgh students. Incidentally he took the medical degree at Edinburgh University and with a few pounds in his pocket set up as a doctor in London. Although he soon gained the lucrative practice he threw it up to travel round the world with the late Duke of Leinster. On the Duke's death, Dr. Pollock exchanged medical for commercial interests. He founded a ship breaking company which broke British war ships at Rosyth and German warships from Scapa Flow. These enterprises made him a rich man.

SIR PETER RYLANDS is described as Britain's great steel king. He is a member of the famous Lancashire firm of Rylands, founded by his grandfather at Warrington, and has gradually built up the concern until it is now five or six times as large when he first took control. During the World War he was among the first to foresee that the conclusion of hostilities would find Britain ill-equipped in the race for markets and he has perhaps done more than any other Briton to maintain British industry at a high level. He was born in October 1868 and educated at Charter House and Trinity College, Cambridge.

KNIGHT BACHELORS

GERALD DODSON, who until the latter part of 1938 (when he retired) was Chief Recorder of London, has been one of the most famous of the cases that have gone through Old Bailey. He was educated at Downing College, Cambridge, where he

took a B.A. and LL. B. in 1905 and after the Great War, was appointed Recorder at Tenterden, Kent. He became Recorder at Old Bailey in September, 1937. Justice Dodson is the author of several light operative works, the first of which, "The Rebel Maid," he produced in collaboration with Montague Phillips, the musician, when the two were on naval duty on a lonely island off the Scottish coast, watching for enemy submarines during the Great War.

WILL SPENS, the Cambridge Don, is also included in the New Year Honours. He was born in 1882 and educated at Rugby, where he gained an exhibition which took him to King's College, Cambridge. Taking a first in natural science, he was appointed Director in Science at Corpus Christi College in 1906 and five years later became tutor. He broke off his university work and served with the Foreign Office during the Great War (for which services he was awarded the C.B.E.) but resumed his work in 1923 when he became a member of the Statutory Commission. He succeeded Dr. Penrice as master of Corpus Christi in 1927 and, in 1931, was elected Vice-Chancellor of the University, but which time he had become one of the leading theologians in the Church of England. In 1933, he created a Loan Fund for the benefit of students who had lost the incomes on which they had relied to enable them to remain at the University long enough to graduate. He retired from the Vice Chancellors in 1933.

ORDERS OF MERIT

LORD CHATFIELD would be one of the three men upon whom would devolve the task of protecting Britain should war break out. As First Sea Lord and Admiral of the Fleet, he had a responsibility during the Abyssinian crisis of safeguarding Britain's naval positions in the Mediterranean, where the Spanish Civil War later brought many difficulties. He was responsible for the mobilisation of the Fleet during the September crisis.

He was raised to the peerage as Lord Chatfield seven months ago. On the outbreak of the Great War, he was Flag Captain to Admiral Beatty in H.M.S. Lion and, in that capacity, took part in three big naval engagements—Heligoland, Dogger Bank and Jutland. He retired from his post as Admiral of the Fleet after the September crisis but, at the request of the Government, decided to retain office until next March.

SIR JAMES JEANS, one of England's most distinguished scientists, was described by Sir Oliver Lodge as "one of the greatest men in the world." He is generally recognised as one of the world's six leading astronomers. The views that he has expounded have been set forth in publications which, because of their non-technical language, have become best-sellers. These include

Hongkong Lists

Local Citizens In N.Y. Honour Lists

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division):

To be an ordinary member of the Third Class, or Commander:

The Hon. Mr. Richard McNeill Henderson.

The Hon. Mr. Richard McNeill Henderson, M. Inst. C.E., Chartered Civil Engineer, was born in 1860 and was appointed to the Colony as Senior Assistant Engineer in 1912. In the following year he was in charge of the Tatum Tuk Scheme, 2nd Section. He was Acting Executive Engineer in 1918 when he was seconded for special duty at Weihaiwei returning the following year. After another 14 years of work in Weihaiwei in 1921, Mr. Henderson was appointed Engineer in Charge of the Shing Mun Valley Scheme. In 1925 he was appointed Water Engineer and three years later Assistant Director of Public Works. He paid a visit to England in connection with the Shing Mun Valley Scheme in 1929 returning the same year. In 1932, when he was appointed D.P.W., Mr. Henderson was Assistant Director of Public Works for Kowloon and the Territories, a member of the Labour Advisory Board, a member of the Legislative and Executive Councils and Vice-President of the Sanitary Board.

MR. M. F. KEY

To be an Ordinary member of the Fourth Class, or Officer:

Mr. Maurice Frederick Key, M. Inst. C.E., who joined the Staff of the Chamber of Commerce in Hongkong in 1922, was before the War, a London Journalist. He had the advantage of early education and training in the University town of Cambridge and in 1907 went to Fleet Street, where he established a free-lance connection with the "Morning Guardian," the "British Medical Journal," the "Lancet" and several other leading technical periodicals. After five years in the Army during the War, Mr. Key came to Hong-

kong in 1920 and joined the Daily Press, where his helpful and accurate work and humorous pen were much appreciated. Mr. Key accepted an invitation to join the staff of the Chamber of Commerce as Assistant Secretary in 1922; he was appointed Acting Secretary in April, 1924, and Secretary in January, 1925.

MR. A. K. TAYLOR

To be an ordinary member of the Fifth Class, or Member:

Alexander Keith Taylor, Mr. Taylor, who is Chief Inspector in the Sanitary Department, arrived in Hongkong in August, 1905 as a police constable. He was appointed acting sergeant in 1909 and seconded to the Registrar General's department in 1909.

He joined the Sanitary Department in March 27, 1911 and became a First-Class Sanitary Inspector in 1914 and Acting Chief Inspector in 1930. The appointment was confirmed in 1934.

MR. SUNG TENG-MAN

Mr. Sung Teng-man, who receives the Imperial Service Medal, retired from Government service a few months ago.

Joining the Police Department as an interpreter in July, 1901, Mr. Sung became First Clerk and Interpreter, Land Office, New Territories, on January 1, 1904. A year later he was appointed First Clerk, Medical Department, becoming Accountant on April 1, 1910.

On March 1, 1925, he was appointed Higher Class Clerk and on October 2, 1935, was appointed Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions.

On the occasion of his retirement from the Medical Department, Mr. Sung was the recipient of a farewell gift from his colleagues.

himself on research work for the forces. He invented the method of measuring the velocity of shells by firing them through large coils of wire in an electrical circuit. After the War, he was appointed Director of Scientific Research at the Admiralty and the Chemical Inspection Department was also placed under his control. Ten years ago he became Secretary of the Royal Society, which gave him its Hughes Medal. Born in October 1876, and educated at the Royal College of Science, he was knighted (K.C.B.) in 1931.

COMMANDER OF THE BATH

FRANK T. ASHTON-GWATKIN is a Counsellor of the Foreign Office. His inclusion in the New Year Honours List recalls the Czechoslovakian crisis, for it was Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin who accompanied Lord Runciman to Prague during the efforts at negotiations. He was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford, and entered the Consular Service in the Far East in 1913. He became First Secretary of the Foreign Office in 1930 and was attached to the Suite of the Crown Prince of Japan during the latter's visit in 1931. Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin has been Counsellor at the Foreign Office since 1934.

WILLIAM STRANG, Chief of the Central Department of the Foreign Office, is another of Britain's brilliant diplomats whose name is included in the Honours list as a result of the September crisis. He accompanied Mr. Chamberlain to Germany on the four famous peace flights.

Mr. Strang was educated at Palmer's School, Giggleswick, in the University College, London, and at Paris University. In the War, he served with the Worcestershire Regiment and the H.Q. of the 29th Legion in France.

His most notable work in the diplomatic service, which he joined in 1910, was in Russia where he conducted affairs with such ability that he became noted as one of Britain's cleverest young diplomats. In 1934, he accompanied Sir John Simon and Mr. Anthony Eden on their diplomatic tour of the capitals of Europe and was present at the interview between Chamberlain and Hitler last September, drawing up the official report on their conversation.

K.C.M.G.

BASIL NEWTON, Envoy Extraordinary to Czechoslovakia since 1937, was also prominent during the Czech crisis. Much of his career in the diplomatic service has been spent in China, where he was from 1925 to 1929. He was Counsellor at the German Embassy in 1930-35 and Minister there until 1937. He was educated at Wellington and King's College, Cambridge.

CAPTAIN CECIL GEORGE GRAVES, as Director of the Empire and Foreign Services of the B.B.C., has been responsible for the great expansion of Empire programmes from Daventry. He is the son of the late Charles L. Graves of "Punch" fame.

During the War, he went to France with the Royal Scots and was taken (Continued on Page 2.)

Glands Restored to Youthful Vigour In 24 Hours

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Dr. James Hastell

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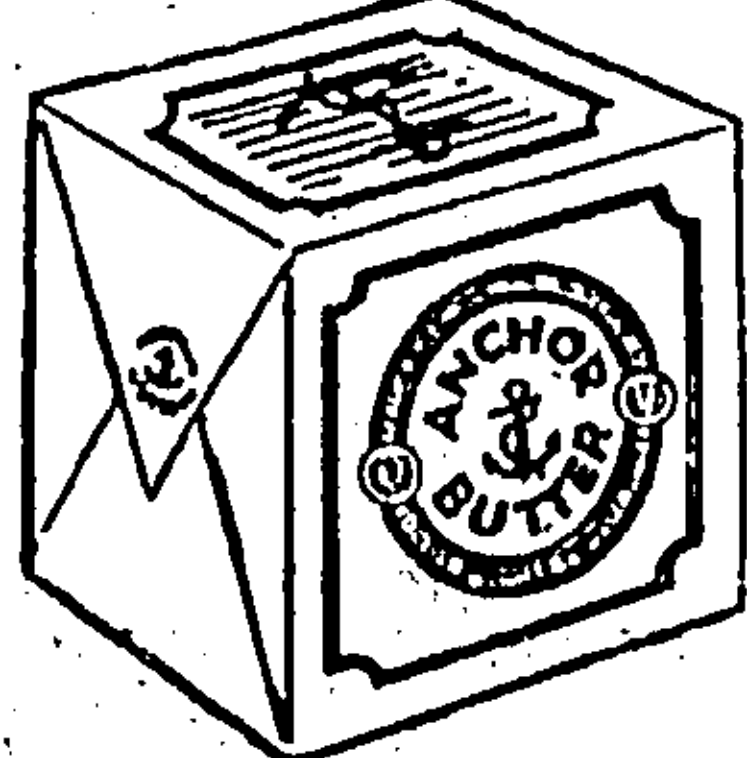
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SPANISH WAR TO END THIS YEAR DECLARES FRANCO IN INTERVIEW

London Workless In New Year's Eve Clashes With Police

LONDON, Jan. 1. CLASHES between unemployed and mounted police occurred in the West End of London on New Year's Eve, when members of the National Unemployed League marched from Piccadilly Circus to Trafalgar Square, carrying a black-painted coffin with the inscription: "He died for want of help".

They were informed that they would not be admitted to Trafalgar Square. This announcement was received with a loud protest by the demonstrators, who attempted to force their way into the Square. This gave rise to the first clash, the police charging the demonstrators and dispersing them.

The unemployed, however, attempted to form a new procession at Piccadilly Circus, which was again dispersed by the police.

The first clash occurred shortly after midnight, and complete order was restored in the West End early on Sunday morning.—*Trans-Ocean*.

General Hata Said To Be Relieved Of Command

Shanghai, Jan. 2. It is authoritatively learned that General Hata, who succeeded General Matsui in February 1938, and who was the "capturer of Hankow," is to be replaced.

CHINESE SONGBIRDS

War Reduces Shipment To Australia

A proof that nothing in China can escape the influence of the war was provided when the E. & A. steamer "Hankin" sailed for Australia on Saturday morning. Whereas the crew usually carry thousands of small Chinese songbirds for sale in Australia, there were only 270 birds aboard for the present trip. Broken services and disturbed conditions due to the war in and about Can-

ton have checked the flow of trapped birds into Hongkong.

The 270 birds, consisting of 40 blackhead nuns, 80 whitehead nuns, and 150 nutmums, take up little room, but defy concealment. They occupy two small cages, but the whole forepart of the ship is their auditorium.

New Machinery For American Munitions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. THE United States army has decided to spend \$33,500,000 to purchase special machinery to manufacture munitions, according to Major-General Wesson, Chief of the Ordnance Department, writing in the semi-official publication the "Army Ordnance."

He says that the machinery will be installed in a group of new inland shell-loading and powder-making factories to be held for use in an emergency.—*Reuter*.

Big Social Programme For British Statesmen

Rome, Jan. 1. The programme for the visit of Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax has been issued as follows: They will arrive by train in the afternoon of January 11, and will drive to the Villa Madama, where they will stay during their visit.

Then they will go to the Quirinal Palace to sign the guest book, and then to the Palazzo Venezia to see Il Duce.

A dinner and reception will be held in the evening at the Palazzo Venezia. On January 12 they will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, will visit the Pantheon and will lunch at the Quirinal Palace with the King of Italy. They will view a gymnastic display in the afternoon and attend a gala performance at the Opera in the evening, followed by supper with Count Ciano.

On January 13 they will probably visit the Vatican in the morning, and afterwards lunch with the British Minister at the Holy See. In the afternoon they will visit a museum, and will later attend a reception at the Governor of Rome's palace. They will attend a dinner and reception at the British Embassy in the evening, and will leave Rome at midday on January 14.—*Reuter*.

Reveals Plans For The Reconstruction Of The New Spain

AIMS TO BECOME LEADER OF ALL THE SPANIARDS

SAN SEBASTIAN, Jan. 1. INSURGENT Spain will achieve ultimate victory this year, declared General Franco in an interview with the well-known Spanish publicist, Sen. Manuel Azaña, published in the "Diario Vasco" to-day.

Victory which will put an end to the civil war is approaching with gigantic strides, he said, and in support of his contention, he pointed to the unexpectedly rapid progress made by his forces in their offensive against Catalonia.

In paying special tribute to the fighting qualities of the insurgent Spanish soldiers and officers, he expressed the hope that the new Spain would become a pronounced military nation, possessing an army second to none.

Another thing which the war had shown was that Spain is capable of achieving independence in the domain of production of armaments. In future, its armament industries would undergo far-reaching expansion.

RECONSTRUCTION PLANS

General Franco then proceeded to disclose his plans for carrying out the work of reconstruction in reconstituted Spain. Ultimate victory in the civil war was not, he insisted, an end in itself. It was his intention when the war was over, to have recourse to persuasion in order to get all Spaniards, regardless as to whether they fought under the insurgent or Loyalist flag to join hands in building up a new Spain on a basis of social justice. His special care would be dedicated to the work of improving the lot of the indigent sections of the population, with a view to raising the general standard of existence in Spain.

The first steps had already been taken in this direction. In the near future, Spain would possess 200,000 workers' dwelling houses. National health and hygiene would occupy a prominent place in the Government's programme.

Even during the war, the number of beds in the sanatoriums for the treatment of tubercular diseases had been increased by 2,000 to 8,000, and would eventually be raised to 35,000.

The work of national integration, General Franco went on to say, would be carried out in an atmosphere of domestic peace, virile work, and economic and cultural stability.

WANTS ALL TO ASSIST

The problem of prisoners of war would not present any difficulty to the new Spain was firmly resolved to enlist the help of all who were willing to do their part. Professional criminals and responsible Loyalist leaders would alone be excluded from the new national fellowship, he declared.

Workshops erected in the prison camps would provide prisoners with an opportunity to find their way back into the national community. A supreme tribunal would be set up at the end of the war, and would re-examine all sentences passed by the military courts, and in this way will assure the rule of justice in new Spain.

He could not imagine a better reward for his labours than to win over to his side those who had been his enemies, provided their condition was sincere. This applied even to those Loyalists who had fled the country. Turning to foreign policy, General Franco emphasized the importance of Spain as a Mediterranean power.

"There are three things which would induce me to rally and mobilise the Spanish people," he declared. "First, in order to defend the Christian doctrine, secondly, in the event of a threat of foreign invasion, thirdly in the event of anybody seeking to allocate to Spain a servile role in the Mediterranean."

MUST BE RECOGNISED AS MEDITERRANEAN POWER

"There would have to be no mention of the Mediterranean without mentioning Spain, which would, in future, not recognize any of the Mediterranean agreements which had been concluded without Spanish participation."

In conclusion, General Franco stressed the importance of a bond of unity existing between Spain and Portugal, as they were two nations striving for like ideals. A pronouncement on the principles governing the attitude of Spain towards Latin America would be forthcoming in the near future. The ties with Spanish Morocco were indestructible, and would lead, at the conclusion of the war, to a new period of prosperity in Morocco.

Plans had already been drawn up for the founding of a University of Oriental studies in Cordova. General Franco wound up the inter-

Danger Seen In Germany's Demand For Submarines

PARIS, Jan. 1. GERMANY'S claim for submarine parity with Britain is widely commented upon in the press, and the general opinion is that it is Germany's intention to help Italy by building submarines which can be sent to the Mediterranean more easily than surface craft.

The view is also expressed that submarines will be used to break any future blockade and to hamper British shipping.

The "Figaro" says that Germany is building a large number of small submarines which can hide in the North Sea and English Channel, whereas other naval powers are building large submarines.

The newspapers generally take the view that the German move will arouse British opinion to the danger of a possible threat to British naval supremacy.

The "Journé Industrielle" thinks that the result will be to turn the British more against dictatorships which will not suit Italy at the moment she is hoping to use Mr. Chamberlain's visit to obtain concessions from France, and the paper asks whether Herr Hitler intended to torpedo the Italian plan in advance.—*Reuter*.

FOUR PEERS IN NEW YEAR HONOURS

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prisoner at Le Cateau about three weeks later. When the Allies issued a threat to deal drastically with commanders of submarines who sank unarmed merchant vessels and left their crews to drown, the Germans retaliated by placing 29 captured officers in solitary confinement for three months. The officers selected were those who had distinguished relatives and Graves was included because he was a nephew of the late Viscount Grey. He remained in captivity until the War ended.

He joined the B.B.C. in 1925, became Empire Services Director in 1929.

He has planned nearly all the Empire programmes from Daventry. SIR HARRY LUKE, the Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, entered the Colonial Service as Private Secretary to the Governor of Sierra Leone in 1908. He was promoted to be Colonial Secretary in Sierra Leone in 1924 and became Governor of Malta in 1930. Next year he was knighted. He was at Malta during difficult times, especially during the Abyssinian crisis.

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CAPTAIN A. S. WILCOCKSON, was the pilot of the Mayo composite aircraft plane Mercury—the upper half of the famous composite plane—on the record flight across the Atlantic and to South Africa. He became a pioneer pilot in commercial air services across the Atlantic after being a Cavalry officer (3rd Hussars) in the Great War. He has made several record flights.

NEW DOCTORS

The following names have been added to the Colony's register of medical practitioners:—Dr. Leong Kam-leng, graduate of Hongkong University, and Dr. Yu Lung-wong, (China Medical College).

view by expressing his desire and intention to become leader of all the Spaniards, and to liberate Spain once and for all from the yokes of Soviet Communism.—*Trans-Ocean*.

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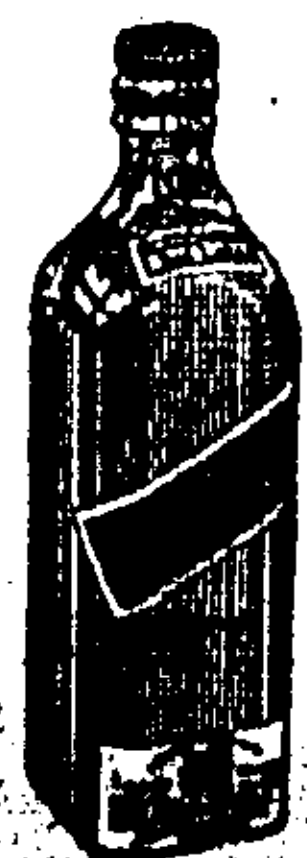
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Soviet Officials To Be Executed

Moscow, Jan. 2.

Following a three-day trial, the Kiev court-martial has passed the death sentence on five former officials of the Moldavian branch of the People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs.

The men were charged with provocative fabrication of cases of illegal arrests, and flagrant violation of the law while investigating cases. According to the prosecutor, the

Hitler Feted By Villagers On New Year's Eve

German Press Promises New Demands

Berlin, Jan. 1.

HERR HITLER'S New Year was heralded with the customary firing, in front of his Berchtesgaden home at midnight, of a miniature cannon dragged up the mountain by villagers, dressed in Bavarian national costume, who sang national anthems.

Herr Hitler shook hands with them all and wished them a Happy New Year.

Reviewing the outlook for the New Year, the "Lokalan Zeiger" says: "We do not know what will come this year. We still have demands to make, as for example, colonies."

The "Allgemeine Zeitung" says that America is guilty, not only of an unfriendly act against Germany, but of an attack on Europe's national consciousness. —Reuter.

New Year Eve Tribute To Madame Chiang

Chungking, Jan. 2.

A remarkable tribute to Madame Chiang Kai-shek was paid on New Year's Eve when 100 girl students, girl guides and nurses marched through the main streets carrying scores of silk banners to be presented to her.

These bore inscriptions extolling her, such as the "Leader of Chinese Women," and the "Saviour of the Children." —Reuter.

\$16,000 RAISED FOR WAR RELIEF

Chungking, Jan. 2.

While Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek spent New Year's Eve studying State papers, his wife attended a dinner given under the auspices of the New Life Movement Association, which raised more than \$16,000 from 400 guests for relief work among the families of Szechuen troops now going to the front.

After a general collection, Madame Chiang auctioned a silver cup which went to Lu Tso-fu, Vice-Minister of Communications for \$3,000. —Reuter.

defendants' illegal acts were revealed when one of their victims petitioned to the central committee of the Ukrainian Communist Party, which, on investigation, found that the "case" had been entirely trumped up by the officials. —Reuter.

Important Air Ministry Promotions

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Promotions announced by the Air Ministry to-day include that of Air Vice-Marshal C. L. Courtney to Air Marshal, and Air Commodore Hallam Peck and Philip Babington to Air Vice-Marshals.

Vice-Marshal Hallam Peck is senior Air Staff Officer of the R.A.F. headquarters in India, and Vice-Marshal Babington is in the Air Ministry. —Reuter.

POLICE OFFICER KILLED

Fresh Outrage Near Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1.

SIR Charles Tegart, who is advising the Government on a police matter, is understood to have been travelling in the motor car in which Mr. G. D. Sanderson, British police superintendent, was killed by a heavy fusillade of shots on a highway north of Jerusalem two days ago, says a delayed "Reuter" message. Sir Charles was not hurt.

The firing occurred when the car, which contained a party of high military and police, including Major Brunsell, the G.S.O. of General Haining's staff, was stopped on the road by a barrier. Mr. Sanderson, the murdered police officer, was formerly deputy Inspector-General of Police on the North-West frontier of India. —Reuter.

Lost Plane Is Found Wrecked Near Kunming

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2.

THE remains of a ten-seater Boeing passenger plane which disappeared en route from Chungking to Kunming have been found, according to a message reaching Chungking.

The message stated that the wreckage of the plane, containing four bodies, was discovered 240 kilometres to the south-east of Kunming. The plane was found to be flown by Mr. C. L. Johnson, an American of Lafayette, Indiana. He was accompanied by a Russian co-pilot, a Chinese wireless operator and a Chinese mechanic.

No passengers were aboard the plane. It is learned that the Chinese seal bearing the name "Pan," which is the name of one of the Chinese, was found in the burnt-out wreckage. So far this is the only evidence of identification which has been collected. The cause of the crash is not known, although the theory is advanced that the plane might have been shot down owing to the position of the wreck.

Mr. Johnson's newly-married wife, who is also a native of Lafayette, is at present staying in Kunming. —Reuter.

DRAMATIC AIR SEARCH FOR IMPRISONED WIFE

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life, but he replied: "What is life to me without my wife?" Grover landed 30 miles from Staritz, about 100 miles north-west of Moscow, at one a.m. on the morning following his take-off. He was arrested and interrogated by the political police.

His non-stop flight roughly 650 miles from Stockholm to Staritz was a remarkable achievement under winter weather conditions and in such a light plane.

BRITISH EMBASSY INFORMED For over a year he had been attempting without success to obtain a Soviet visa to go to Moscow. He undertook his precarious adventure, apparently to call the attention of the highest Soviet authorities to his case, which has received scant attention from the lesser bureaucrats.

The Soviet Foreign Office, by means of a verbal note, informed the British Embassy of Grover's illegal landing at Staritz and of his detention pending the investigation of his identity. The British Embassy was also furnished with a description of the two-seater plane and of its identification marks, which are S/ASUM. The plane has been confiscated.

Air Liner Forced Down Near Cherbourg

CHERBOURG, Jan. 1.

THE Imperial Airways flyingboat, Calypso, carrying passengers and mails from South Africa, moored off here this morning following a forced descent in the Channel, 40 miles from Cherbourg.

The flyingboat was towed here through heavy seas by a Swedish tanker.

The two passengers were landed, but the crew has remained aboard the flyingboat. The mails are understood to be all safe. —Reuter.

FOREIGN SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

Wang Chung-Hui Sees Hope For Future

Chungking, Jan. 2.

The world's leading Powers, Britain, the United States, France and Russia, are all sympathetic to China's war of resistance, says Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister for Foreign Affairs in a special article reviewing the past year's international developments.

Mr. Wang Chung-hui specially mentions the representations made to Japan in November by Britain, France and the United States for the re-opening of the Yangtze for free navigation, and also the financial credits to China in December from Britain and America.

Furthermore he draws attention to Russia's "firm stand" in the fishery negotiations with Japan, and contends that the four Powers, while acting separately, are "actually working towards a common aim." —Reuter.

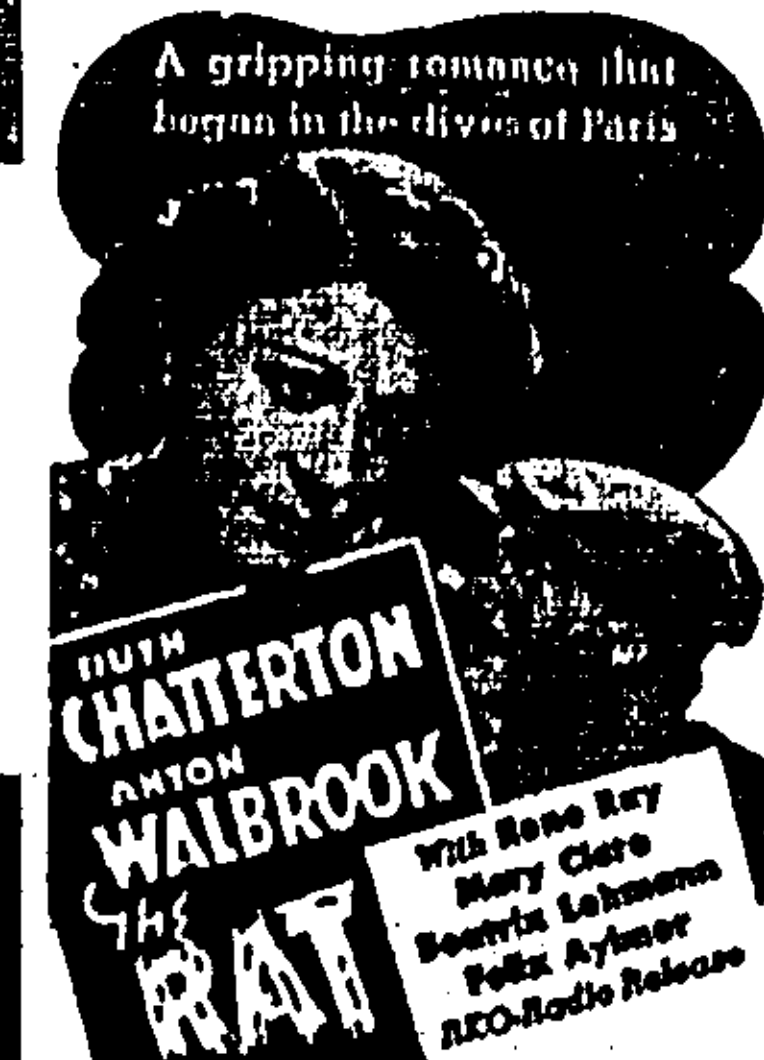
Wu Te-Chen Goes To Chungking

Linsien, Jan. 2.

Shortly upon handing over charge of the Kwangtung Provincial Government to the new Chairman, General Li Hon-wan, General Wu Te-chen, the retiring Chairman, motored to Chungking in company with his chief secretary, yesterday morning.

In addition to verbal information, General Wu also handed to General Li a written memorandum in which was outlined the administrative programme of Kwangtung, during a dinner party given by General Wu in honour of his successor on the night of December 31. —Central News.

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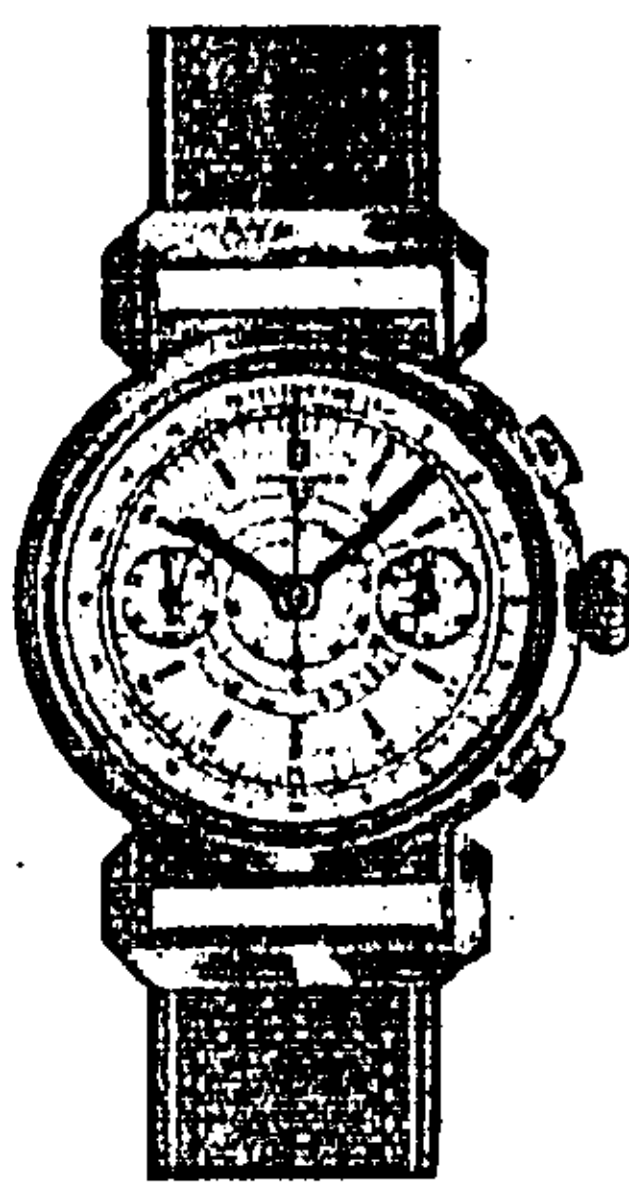


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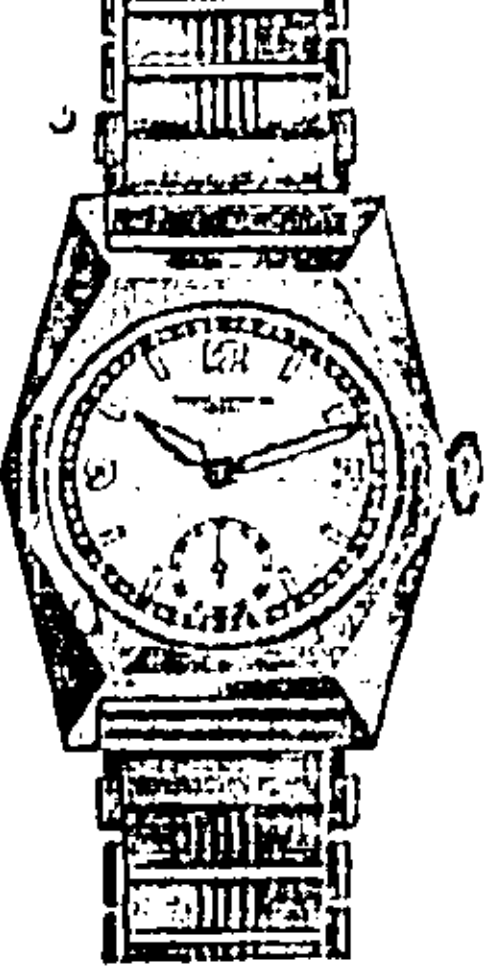


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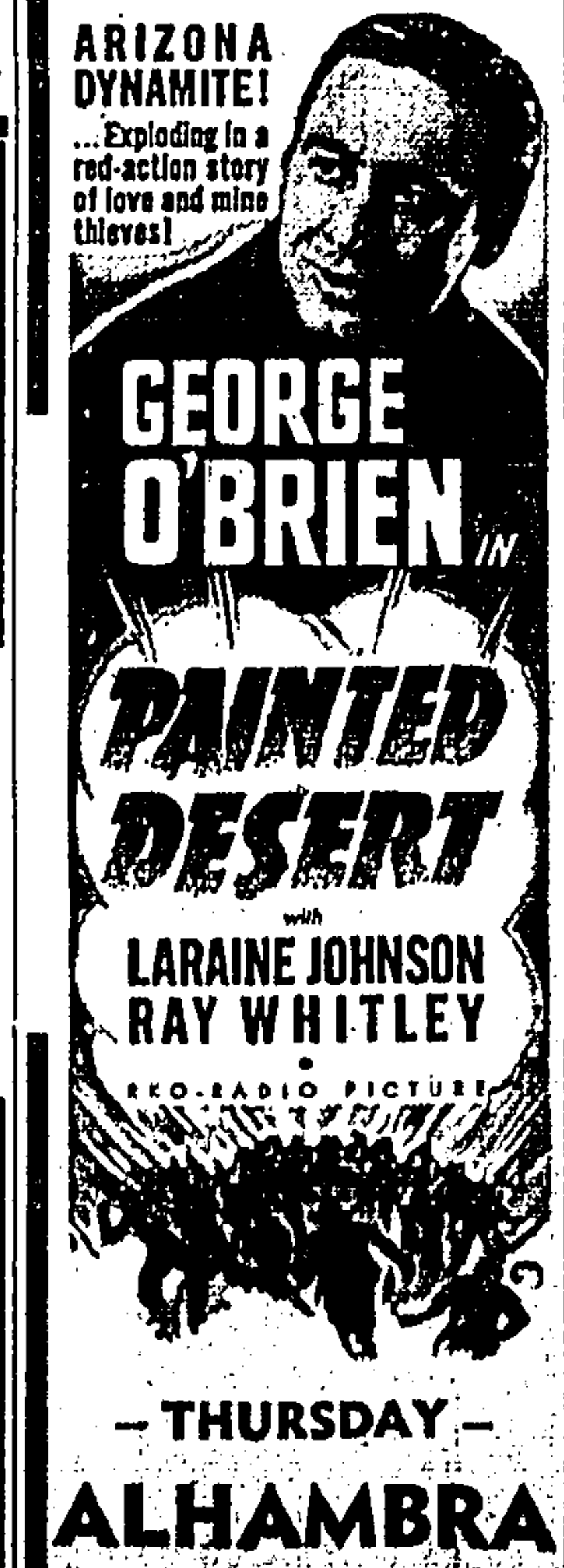
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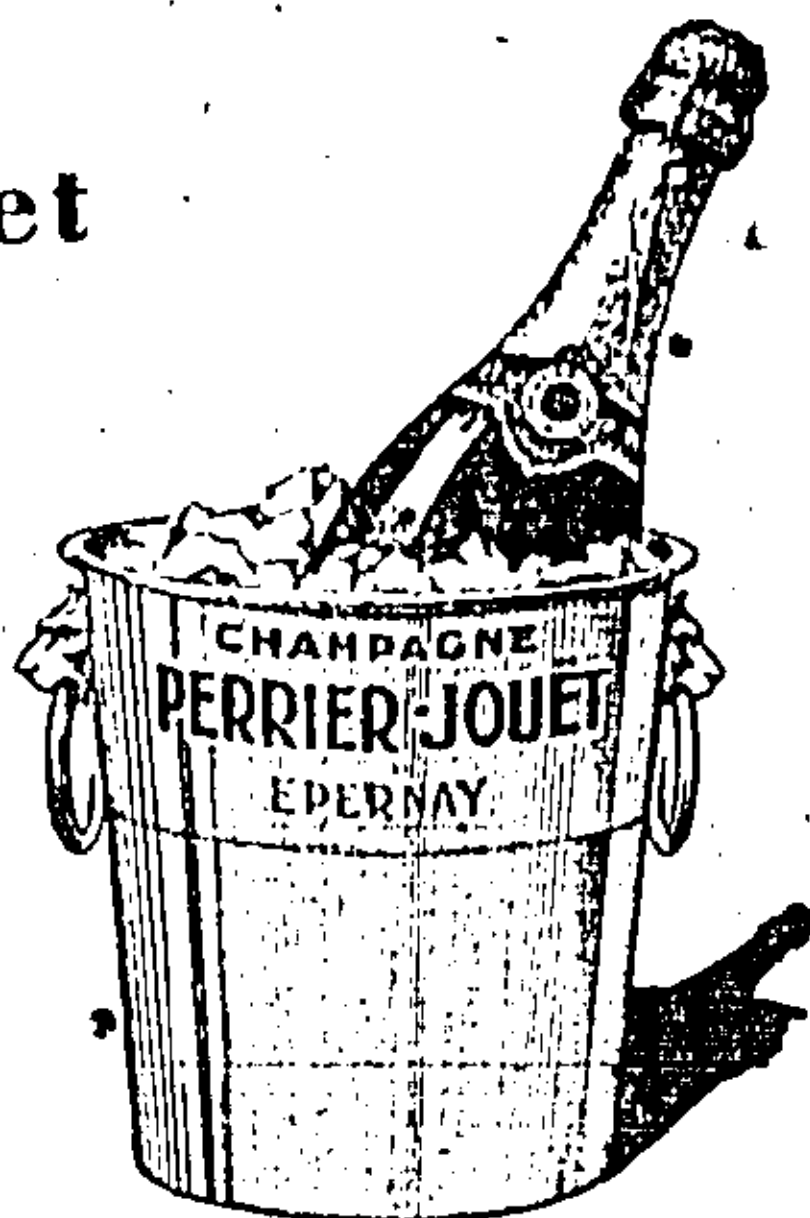
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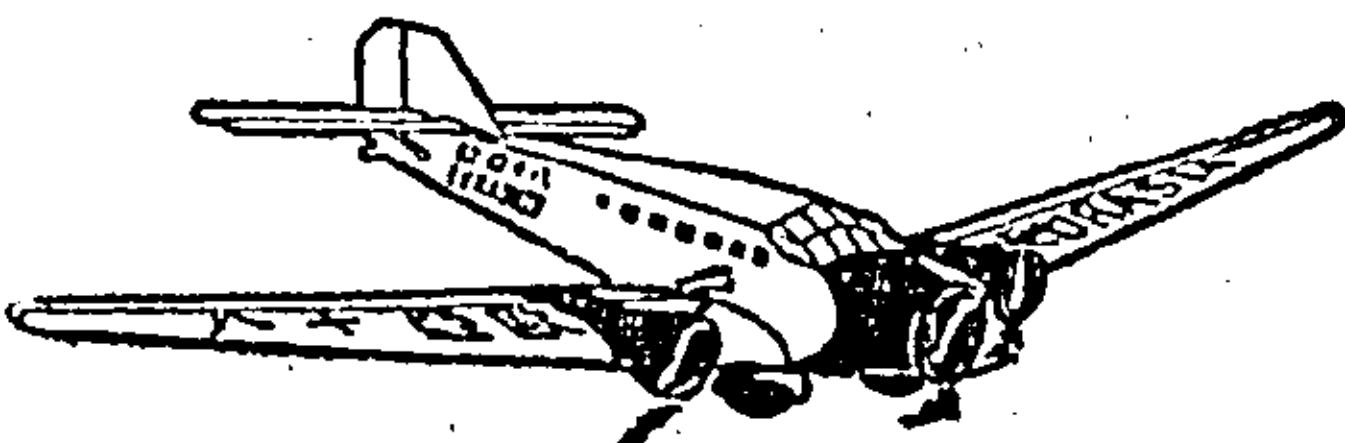
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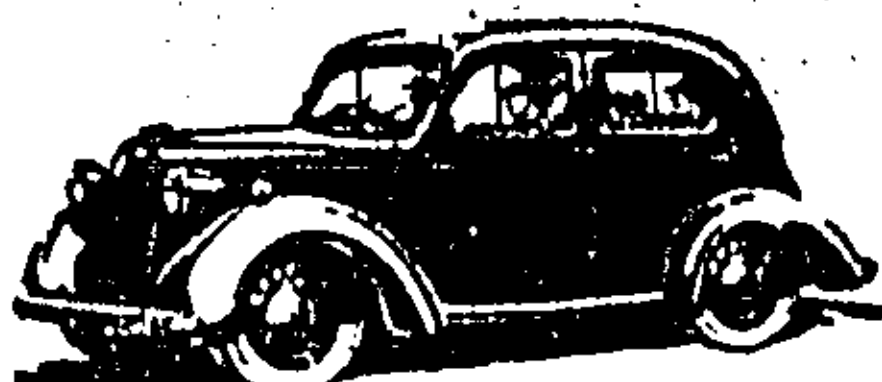
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The Universe

SIR JAMES JEANS figures in the New Year Honours. He is the scientist who has taught the world to be universe-conscious by publishing books about the stars and planets in language school-children can understand. Ever since astronomy revealed to mankind that the lights of the heavens represented solid worlds in some degree analogous to our familiar earth, there has been curiosity whether beings of some nature akin to our own may not perchance inhabit them. The tourist traffic of fiction with the moon and Mars has long been popular, and the expeditionary forces which H. G. Wells, Jules Verne, Edgar Rice Burroughs and other writers have launched from the red planet in conquest of the earth are but a few of legions. Not fiction, but fact, is dwelt with in Sir James Jeans remarkable books—and his fact is almost stranger than fiction.

Hoops, My Dear!

IT APPEARS that English women are going back to the crinoline. One wonders if this be a result again of that Parisian influence upon other nations in the matter of feminine dress; for, if so, it is amusing to reflect that once it was hoped in Paris that the influence of foreigners would abolish the crinoline.

Saint-Simon relates in his memoirs how the example of the Duchess of Shrewsbury led to the ladies at the court of Louis XIV abandoning their great headresses, and he adds: "Sensible people await with impatience the advent of another . . . foreigner to disencumber our ladies of the enormous hoops which are as intolerable to themselves as they are to everybody else."

The modern crinoline is not such a full-rigged affair as its predecessors of the eighteenth century, and of the Victorian era; moreover, fashions are more transient than they used to be; so that, although the times are scarcely spacious enough for the mode, it is not likely that the No-Crinoline League of the nineties will be revived to oppose this new attempt to put ladies through the hoop.

Stop This New Year
Resolution Nonsense!

IT is well, before making a New Year resolution, to consider the meanings of the word. "Resolution" suggests not only "determination" but "decomposition," the condition one is usually reduced to when trying to amend one's ways.

Lightly undertaken New Year resolutions can do more harm than good, for to make them and to break them depresses, or breeds insincerity.

Some spell "resolution" with a "v" instead of an "r," and try to amend their lives in one terrific effort, which they speedily find they cannot sustain for a day.

Thus their revolution is true to its meaning. It becomes a complete turn round upon the centre of self, starting on New Year's Day and finishing a few hours later at the point from which it started.

The threshold of the year is thus littered with the debris of resolutions. Let us not revolve but be quietly resolute so to live that we set ourselves a standard for the other days of the year.

If we tend to overdrink, to drink less; if we are chain-smokers, to break the chain, now and then; if we are hot-tempered, to put a guard over the fire; if over-anxious, to take no thought for the morrow; if given to laziness, to take off our coat to our work; and so on, till the setting of the sun.



To aim at temperance rather than abstinence. To climb to where we know we can reach rather than seek to ascend inaccessible slopes.

A New Year's Day well spent is a tonic to soul, mind, and body.

The encouragement of moderate success will spur us to new effort on the morrow. Character is smitten out on the anvil of continuous effort. It cannot be moulded in a day according to a paper pattern.

If, for the sake of convention, we must have a New Year resolution, let it be that every day and in every way we shall try to put the best into and get the best out of life, in the spirit of the Cockney woman who said: "Life ain't all you want, but it's all you 'ave. So 'ave it. Stick a geranium in your 'at and be 'appy."



I assure you that if you embrace her philosophy you will have a happy New Year, with a happiness that will daily increase until the little cherub grows whiskers.

"A happy New Year" is a conventional greeting we seldom seek to analyse. What do we really mean?

The National Union of Students among the English and Welsh universities once held a ballot competition to define the attributes of true happiness, and the result was illuminating. I made a note at the time, for I thought it might one day come handy. There were fourteen attributes discovered. We will go from last to first. Here they are:

A Schoolgirl Complexion

But only a handful of humanity, relatively, is complexion-conscious. As a universal attribute it wholly fails.

Anyway, a good complexion does not create happiness, though it may enhance it, for character, rather than mere looks, are what the eye delights to rest on.

JANUARY	
Sunday 1	Got up early, breakfast 1.30 a.m. Went to church. Busy morning in garden. Wrote letter to mother. Met my new friend of tobacco—much better, after three eternal cigarettes.
Monday 2	Got up early like late Sunday at 11. No work.
Tuesday 3	Went in. Went to office. No work.
Wednesday 4	
Thursday 5	Work as usual.
Friday 6	

Some of the ugliest people I know, as far as features are concerned, have beautiful faces, full of tenderness, dignity, and light.

I have been told that the late Duke of Newcastle was ugly, though his face was full of light because he was a man of prayer. One day, when he was leaving All Saints', Margaret-street, a gamin jeered, and the words withered on the youngster's lips. Our faces are mirrors of the soul.

An Artistic Temperament

Ten thousand times no! Be- hold a good choirman when his boys have done their worst! Remember Francis Thompson seated on the edge of his bed in a garret, miserably looking at editorial rejection slips enclosed with his peerless poems.

An artistic temperament can lift one to the skies, but that makes the fall more painful. The peasants in that famous picture "The Angelus" look profoundly happy. I bet their painter wasn't.

The next two alleged attributes are bracketed as equal.

A Library: A Poker Face

I should never have supposed that either would be described

as the twelfth attribute to happiness. A library does not bring

I have about two thousand books, all classified, but when in moving or spring cleaning they get mixed up and take days to re-sort; or friends borrow and do not return them, or return them splashed with gravy; or one's wife waxes wrathful when they are left lying about; they create unhappiness.

To be happy with books you must own none.

As to the Poker Face, which, I suppose, is a mask assumed when playing Poker, a game, if it is a game, of which I am ignorant, I suspect that it has a more subtle meaning—a face that does not betray the heart; a frozen surface unstirred by emotion.

My face reveals my moods, and that is what I like a face to do.

A Persuasive Manner

That merely results in getting things done, good, bad or indifferent. Confidence tricksters have it. Do you suppose them happy?

A Good Cook

Must we admit that happiness has to do with eating, and thus

make ourselves level with the beasts that perish? None the less, I think we are getting warm at last.

I wonder if those who are honoured with the grand old name of servant sufficiently realise how the happiness of the household is in the hollow of their hands?

Listen to the words of George Herbert: "A servant with this clause Makes drudgery divine; Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws, Makes that and the action fine."

A Thick Skin

This savours of the Poker Face and happiness is not for turnips. The most melancholy looking creature in the Zoo is the rhinoceros.

To be thick-skinned is to be insensitive to the nobler, finer things. To be thin-skinned, but mixed with rubber, is to bounce up smiling after each misfortune.

A Brilliant Career

This has too often ended in tragedy to be given a place, let alone one so near the top. The next is £400 a year, and that sounds reasonable until one reflects that as soon as £400, is come by one wants £600, and as soon as one has that . . . but let it pass. The ballot did not say whether the £400 a year was earned or otherwise.

A Blameless Reputation

That is ridiculous. It does not exist, even in clerical circles. It could never bring happiness, anyway, because to be truly happy, one must forget oneself entirely.

A Charming Wife or Husband

Substitute "good" for "charming" and you have a real attribute of happiness. Why they left out children I do not understand. Yet, as bachelors can be radiantly happy people, we must leave it out of our estimate. Remember, we are in search of a common quality which every one can share.

An Assured Future

Every time one crosses the street it ceases to be existent.

The top three items are admirable, as I think you will agree.

Congenial Occupation, a Sense of Humour, a Sound Constitution

I boggle over the last and the top one, because I have so often met radiance in the sick room, but that, I reflect, may be supernatural happiness, a compensation to the consecrated ones of the earth, and here I am considering only earthly happiness. Yes, congenial work to do, and strength to do it, and a capacity to laugh heartily, at ourselves most of all, these three are priceless boons.

One item has been properly omitted, a good conscience. That can bring no happiness, because it simply does not exist. An easy conscience is a sign of spiritual sleep. Saints never had good consciences.



Each of us must, of course, mix our own ingredients in the Happiness Pie of 1939. For myself I want plenty of tobacco (forgive me for most of my pipes are knocked out as soon as started), time to pray, and time to read, and a little time to sleep (I like eight hours but count myself lucky to have seven), lots of bairns to play with, and no telephone.

Now sip your 1939 like a cocktail. Don't gulp it like a bitter draught.

D. M. B.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"America? Do we see that on the way to Hollywood?"

WANG EXPELLED FROM KUOMINTANG

Gross Indiscipline and Endangering Country Allegation

"ABJECT SURRENDER TO THE ENEMY"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2. AT A FULL SESSION of the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang yesterday afternoon, Wang Ching-wei was permanently expelled from the Party by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was personally presided over by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Chief Executive of the Kuomintang, and attended by twelve members of the Standing Committee, including General Feng Yu-hsiang, Dr. H. H. Kung, Dr. Sun Fo, General Ho Ying-chin and Mr. Yeh Chu-tsang.

Slimming Out Of Fashion

THE founding of a Chair of Gastronomy at Oxford or Cambridge was suggested by M. Emile Aymoz, maître chef of the Dorchester Hotel, in an address there recently to a gathering of doctors. He pleaded for study of cuisine, research in nutrition and the training of men to minister to the bodily needs of the nation.

"Your nation should lead the world in the study of food and the cooking of food," said M. Aymoz. "I say boldly that the man who grows food, whether he is a farmer or a coffee planter, and the chef or cook who prepares it, are as important to the nation's well-being as any scientist or physician."

Because good food is the concern of everyone, he argued, in English-speaking countries all menus should be in English as well as in French. Cooking, like learning, could not be exclusive. Good food was the rightful possession of the people, and must be presented to them in their own language.

SHORTER MEALS

Other points from M. Aymoz's address were:

Dieting.—The modern woman no longer tries to slim herself down to a skeleton. A few years ago three women out of five would refuse to eat potatoes. Now not more than one in ten will pass them by. Food is much lighter. Heavy, starchy foods seldom appear on the menu of any restaurant which prides itself on its cuisine.

Shorter Meals.—Even a banquet nowadays seldom includes more than five courses. Where is this shortening of meals to end? Soon we shall eat a smaller amount of a greater number of courses.

Dinner-time.—The earlier the dinner hour, the more gastronomically minded the nation. The French usually dine between 7 and 7.30. The Spaniard seldom sits down to dinner before 10. The English, who like to dine between 8.30 and 9, have probably chosen the best hour.

NUTRITIVE VEGETABLES

Vegetables.—At the beginning of the season English vegetables are better than French. The English allow their vegetables to grow too large before eating them. The English method of cooking vegetables retains their nutritive qualities far better than the more complicated and attractive French methods.

Meat.—England produces the best beef and lamb in the world, France the best veal and chickens. America's finest contribution to gastronomy is the Hamburger, a form of minced beef.

M. Aymoz added that the popular revival of interest in good cooking would probably come from America. Americans took a greater interest in their food than the English.

LETTERS

Wang Ching-wei
To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Mr. Wang Ching-wei's peace message loses its value when the Chinese people realise that a Great Nation and a Great People are reborn and that the invaders are on the eve of a general upset. China must win the War in the Spring of 1939.

Joining hands with a Catholicism Country is not a good policy. I suggest Mr. Wang to read in "Les Fables de la Fontaine Le Loup et l'Ameu" and he will know his wrong.

H. T. Luk.

Sees World Wrong Way Round

By standing on your head and looking in a mirror you can get a glimpse of the world as it appears to 8-year-old Richard Kenealy, of Chicago. Richard suffers from that rare optical disease which causes him to see everything through his right eye in reverse. Doctors are busy trying to fix up a cure that will be permanent, enable Richard to see the same things the same way round as his school-fellows.



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

BIG FIRES RAZE 100 HOUSES IN NAGASAKI

TOKYO, Jan. 1. ABOUT 100 HOUSES were razed to-day in two big fires which took place at a small town in Miyagi Prefecture in north-eastern Japan and at Nagasaki, in Kyushu respectively, telephone advices received here indicate.

Four hundred citizens were rendered homeless at Onagawa-machi, Osaka County, in Miyagi Prefecture when a fire broke out at 1.30 a.m. and continued to burn until 4.30 a.m.

Stricken people are shivering in the cold wave which is sweeping the northern districts following prolonged snowfall. Rescue works are being rushed by the Prefectural Government.

Another fire broke out in Nagasaki, capital of Nagasaki Prefecture in Kyushu, where 15 houses have been burnt to the ground. The fire was put under control shortly after 7 o'clock in the morning.—Domei.

Territorial Army Strength

Recruiting for the Territorial Army created new records recently. The intake of 9,000 recruits was the best for any November since the War, and the net increase of 6,113 brings the total strength of the T. A. on December 1 to 200,100 all ranks—the highest figure ever achieved since the T. A. was reconstituted in 1921. The total is therefore only a few hundreds below the establishment fixed for the Territorial Army at November 1, 1938. A higher establishment of about 224,000 is now in view.

The London Division has moved up the list to second place with a percentage of 106.6. Five anti-aircraft divisions with a combined strength of 65,870 all ranks are included in the returns for the first time. In addition to the 18 divisions from which returns are compiled, there are to-day in the Territorial Army many coast defence corps and army units.

SUPPORT FOR CHIANG Wang Berated By H.K.C. Women

The Chinese Relief Organisations of Hongkong, headed by the H.K. Branch of the National Women's Relief Association, sent a telegram to the National Government and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek yesterday, voicing their approval of the measures taken by the Kuomintang and Government in depriving Wang Ching-wei of membership in the Kuomintang and in dismissing him from all the government offices.

Additionally, the women pledge their support for the Generalissimo's policy of determined resistance.

The telegram points out that Japan, expecting peace offer from China after the fall of Canton and Hankow, and astounded by China's more determined stand and greater power of resistance, has resorted to this mean trick of dividing China internally.

The public needs to know that the future prospect of the war of resistance, far from being clouded by Wang Ching-wei's betrayal, is on the contrary much brightened by the revelation that Japan has been compelled to employ political means to deal with the China problem as a result of sixteen months' exhaustion of her power of aggression, which is no more capable of making further advance.

The telegram also calls attention to the fact that "the flight of Wang

H.K. Residents In Chungking Honour Lists

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2. A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT mandate issued on New Year's Day listed a number of Chinese and foreigners who will be presented with medals in recognition of their meritorious services.

Two of the Chinese in the honour list are Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shou-son Chow, of Hongkong.

Others include Mr. K. P. Chen, General Manager of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Mr. Hsin Chen, General Manager of the Central Bank of China, Mr. Yeh Tsao-tang, General Manager of the Farmers Bank of China, Mr. Y. M. Chien, Chairman of the Bank of Communications, Mr. Tsu-yee Pei, Manager of the Bank of China, Mr. Hsin Te-mou, chief of the Banking Department of the Central Bank of China, Mr. Lu Tsao-fu, Vice-Minister of Communications, General Chien Tsung-shih, formerly Managing Director of the Lunghai Railway, Mr. T. L. Soong, General Manager of the Manufacturers Bank of China, Mr. Hsin Tsung-shih, Director of the Officers Moral Education Society, Mr. Paul Nagard, former French Ambassador to China, Dr. Arthur Young, adviser of the Ministry of Finance, M. Henri Hoppenot, Counsellor of the French Embassy.

CIVILIAN MARTYRS

Eighteen civilian officers, chosen from among an endless list of cases of unflinching devotion and fearless patriotism, were singled out by the National Government to illustrate the fine flower of civilian loyalty nursed by the fire and blood of war during the past year.

Hailing from widely scattered places all over the country, these eighteen officers vie with the nation's soldiery in their undying deeds of devotion and sacrifice to the national cause. Many of them have given their lives to the country, a few are still living; all of them have won the recognition of the Government and the admiration and gratitude of their own people.

Heading the list is Fan Cho-sien, member of the Shantung Provincial Government, who died fighting recently at Liaocheng. Fan's youngest son had previously given his life during the counter-attack on Tsinan, when he charged the enemy bravely with a group of faithful followers.

Meng Shih, the faithful director of telegraphs at Pingyao, Shansi, is second on the honour roll. Meng and his wife, nee Wang, both hanged themselves when forced by the Japanese to hand over their charge. The magistrate of Linchuan, Shantung, who died together with Fan Cho-sien, after a whole day's gallant fighting, outside the city gate, is listed third in the galaxy of honour, while Lin Chuan-chien, the chief of police, who also died, is the fourth.

Next on the list is Chu Peng-shou, the chief engineer of the Tientsin Telephone Office, who was kidnapped by Japanese authorities and killed after indescribable atrocities.

The sixth, Wang Shih-tien, is still living. Wang was the retiring magistrate of Ningkuo, Anhwei, and did wonderful work helping the military and evacuating the civilians, all at a time when he was afflicted with sickness.

Yang Tai-yen, special administrative inspector of Shansi, comes seventh. All Yang's family are kidnapped by the Japanese, but Yang fights on, placing the trust of his country ahead of the fate of his beloved.

The eighth and ninth, Wang Wen-kwei and Wang Shien-lin, are magistrates of Changshing, Chikiang, and Tangho, Honan. They both have given exceptional service assisting the military in the war.

Chang Hsi-won, the tenth, is the magistrate of Taunyun, Shansi, and the leader of a militia corps against the Japanese invaders.

Wang Tien-yun, the eleventh, magistrate of Holsien, Anhwei, was twice responsible for the recovery of his magistracy from the Japanese.

Next on the list are Li Shun, magistrate of Szechuen, Ting Shu-pou, special administering investigator of Hupei, Mao Chung-han, magistrate of Juichang, and Hsiang Kung-li, magistrate of Hsien, whose guerrilla activities after the fall of their cities greatly helped the eventual recapture of these places.

The sixteenth and seventeenth honour goes to Li Shih and Li Tse-chin, both magistrates, who fought the Japanese unflinchingly despite the fall of their cities. Li Tse-chin has since given his life to the country.

Concluding the list is Ma Shih-hung, who was captured by the Japanese when his city, Pingyuan, Shantung, fell into the hands of the enemy. Ma was killed by the Japanese after repeated refusal to submit.—Central News.

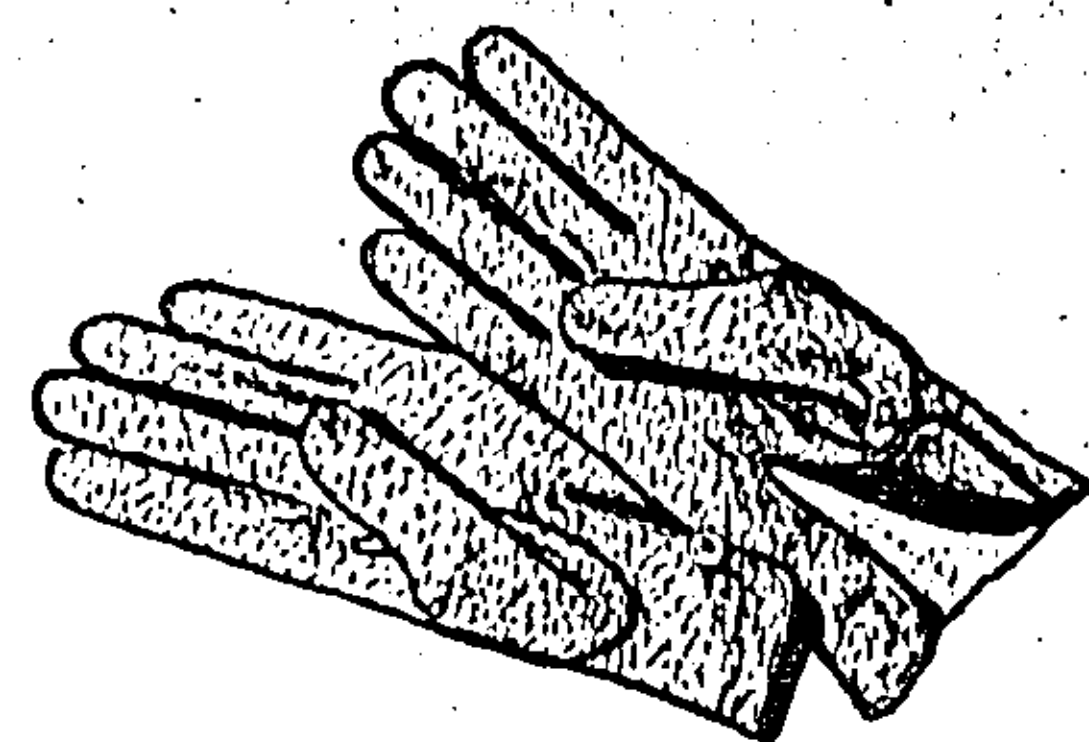
Cats Cause Death

London. Cats were blamed at an inquest at Sutton, Surrey, for the death of William Sanders, a 52-year-old accountant, who was found on a concrete path beneath his bedroom window, and died from his injuries. The widow said during the night she heard cats making a noise at the back of the house and the lid of the dustbin fell off. "I believe he must have been disturbed by them," she said, "for apparently he opened the window to drive them off, overbalanced on a rickety chair, and fell."

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ST. JOSEPH'S SURPRISE NAVY IN SOCCER SHIELD

WIN BY THE ODD GOAL AFTER AN EXCITING GAME

SAILORS MORE SPEEDY BUT HAD NO CONTROL

(By "Abe")

That old football axiom that League form is often an unreliable guide to the result of Shield matches was once again borne out yesterday when St. Joseph's defeated the formidable Royal Navy team in the second round of the Hongkong Football Association Shield at Causeway Bay by 3-2. True, the Saints were strengthened by the inclusion of C. F. Remedios, N. Beltrao and A. V. Gosano; but few of those present on the ground, I am sure, expected victory to go to them, especially as the Navy took a 2-0 lead after 15 minutes' play.

Visions of an easy win for the Navy were soon dispelled by the Saints, who fought back with rare determination after being two goals down. When David Leonard scored from close range to reduce the deficit, it was evident that the Saints were going to make a fight of it. And when two minutes later, Gosano beat McAllister to score, the equaliser, the game became very exciting indeed.

Throughout the remainder of the match, exchanges were always very even. While the Saints revealed better control, for the most part, the sailors proved themselves the speedier side. In fact it was because they concentrated so much on speed that very often the latter failed to keep the ball under control.

Actually, considering the number of chances which both sides had, the game should have produced more than five goals. However, many scoring opportunities went begging owing to over-keenness on the part of the forwards when within shooting distance. Both sides were impressive enough in midfield in the second period; but over-elaboration by the St. Joseph's forwards, and lack of ball control by the Navy forwards enabled the two goalkeepers to keep their charges intact until Beltrao, going up with the forwards when a corner was being taken, drove the ball into the far corner of the Navy goal from outside the penalty area for the winning point. This was scored 13 minutes from the final whistle.

CHANCES WASTED

The Saints would have had only themselves to blame if the Navy had equalised; for after their winning goal, they had several chances of going further ahead, but missed all of them.

The sailors made determined efforts to score, but desperate defence by the Saints' halves and backs kept them at bay. Once, Jones, who had scored both the Navy's goals in the first half, had only Marques to beat, but he shot straight at the goal-keeper. On the other side, Alves had the same experience. Given a perfect pass by Leonard after the backs had been drawn, Alves also failed to beat the goal-keeper.

As only to be expected in a game of this description, consistently good

football was not seen during the whole 70 minutes of the match. Nevertheless, there were some good patches of brilliant play, and what is more important, the game was never allowed to become uninteresting.

The Navy opened promisingly, and scored two goals through Jones, the centre-forward. In the first 15 minutes, the Saints' forward line could not get going, and changes were made between Gosano and Leonard. The former started the match as centre-forward, with the latter at inside-right; but Leonard, accustomed as he is to the centre-forward position, had a tendency to stray into the middle, thus crowding Gosano and leaving a gap on the right. The change brought results soon after it was made.

Leonard first reduced the arrears and then Gosano scored and there was no further score in this half.

GOOD NAVY HALVES

In the second period, the Navy halves distinguished themselves. Dixon was a tower of strength in the pivotal position, and still played a great part in reducing the effectiveness of Castillo, who had a bad habit of taking the ball to the corner instead of cutting in or passing it before the Navy defenders got back into position. Honeywell had a difficult task keeping Alves in check, but on the whole he gave a good account of himself.

Armstrong's corner kicks for the Navy were always dangerous, but none of the forwards could make use of them. He is undoubtedly the best corner-kicker in the Colony at the present time. The greatest value of Gosano in the Saints' team lay in his magnificent passes to his colleagues, especially to Castillo, who was a spoon-fed forward, although he scored the first goal, lacked his usual dash and fine shooting. As usual Beltrao was steadiness personified in the centre-half berth, while C. F. Remedios was the steadiest of the two backs.

Teams: St. Joseph's—E. M. Marques; C. F. Remedios, Sousa; A. J. Hussain, N. Beltrao, L. Woo; T. Castillo, D. Leonard, A. V. Gosano, J. Gomes, and T. Alves. Navy—McAllister; Bellis, Fisher; Honeywell, Dixon, Still; Armstrong, Thoburn, Jones, Hunt and Betts.



Miss M. Smith demonstrates a new use for the big shoes, which were part of Mr. "Bunny" Austin's outfit in the fancy dress hockey match played during the holidays.—Pictorial News.

Overseas Postal Match Fired At Stonecutters In A Strong Tail Wind

The N.R.A. Overseas Postal Match was fired on Saturday at Stonecutters Rifle Range, kindly placed at the disposal of the teams by the Naval authorities. A strong but constant tail wind was blowing all the time while the light up till 600 yards was good. It was a cold morning and some members of the team who were clad in shirts were somewhat chilled. However, taking in all the conditions, the shooting was good and there was a distinct increase on last year's score.

P. O. Swan, captain of the S.R. (b) team, appropriately led their score with a fine 48 at 500 yards but was unlucky with a gust of wind at 600 yards when he might have had 138. In the S.R. (a) scores P. O. Richards, shooting on his own range, put on 127 a very fine performance. Lieutenant L. B. Holmes of H.K.V.D.C., who was in the Colony team at Blisley, was an interested spectator.

From now on until the Prize Meeting in April the activities of the H.K.R.A. will be devoted to giving members an opportunity of practising at various ranges with eight or eleven shot shoots, so members should study the Programme of Shooting, a copy of which was published on the October Bulletin and also posted up in the Clubhouse.

There will be an eleven shot shoot on Wednesday, January 4, at 200 yards and 500 yards with revolver practice.

The results of the Overseas Postal Trophy Match are as under:

S.R. (b) TEAM				
	300y.	500y.	600y.	To.
Sgt. G. Perkins	37	45	42	124
C/Sgt. P. Hale	45	44	43	132
Marine P. G.				
Heather	45	48	42	135
Mr. T. J.				
Boulton	45	43	46	134
Carl. P. P.				
Sequeira	38	46	39	123
Surg/Lieut.				
J. B. Mackie	42	45	40	127
P.O. J. C. Swan	40	45	45	130
Sergt. R. J.				
Heap	45	45	45	135
	343	361	342	1046

S.R. (a) TEAM				
	300y.	500y.	600y.	To.
Major D. L.				
Campbell	38	39	38	115
P.O. H.				
Richards	42	45	40	127
Mr. W. K.				
Gillman	40	41	35	113
Pte. D. Sim	40	38	37	115
Pte. V. M.				
Hammond	37	40	40	117
Sgt. G. W. Steer	41	40	28	109
Cpl. F. Colo	38	43	39	120
L/Cpl. R.				
Bullen	37	42	38	117
	310	328	295	933

LADIES' SOFTBALL RESULTS

The following are the results of Ladies' League Softball matches played at King's Park yesterday: Wildcats 19, Cubs 18; Waboo 28, Baby Panthers 8; Raceto Ladies 19, Canadian Chinese 5.

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B. H. Valentine, l.b.w., b. Gordon	112
H. Verity, b. Langton	29
D. V. P. Wright, not out	27
K. Farnes, not out	1
Extras	12

Total (for 8 wks.) 553

Fall of wickets:—1 (Hutton) for 20; 2 (Paynter) for 30; 3 (Gibbs) for 130; 4 (Ames) for 330; 5 (Edrich) for 338; 6 (Hammond) for 410; 7 (Verity) for 504; 8 (Valentine) for 537.

Club Beat Police In Shield Tie

A scrappy and uninteresting game was seen at Happy Valley yesterday when the Police defeated the Club by the odd goal in five, in the second round of the Senior Shield. The deciding point came in the first half of extra time.

Club held a two clear goal lead at half time but allowed the Police to score twice before the end of the second half.

Strange and Fowler netted for Club in the first half. Moss replied for the Police after the interval. Moon Kay netted the equaliser, and Wong Tsing-yao the deciding point in the extra time allowed.

BOWLS MATCH At K.B.G.C.

Scotland Defeat The Rest Team

A friendly lawn bowls match was played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday, when Scotland defeated the Rest by 102 shots to 97.

Scotland: W. Houston, A. Morton, A. Macfarlane and R. Duncan (skip) 10; C. Wallis, A. Macintyre, John Watson and J. McKelvie (skip) 31; G. N. Mitchell, J. Ross, A. Hyde Lay and J. C. Brown (skip) 25; A. M. Culman, W. Spence, W. Orr and W. McFarlane (skip) 19; P. J. A. Hamilton, M. A. Cairns, H. L. Lockhart and E. M. Hanlon (skip) 11. Total 102.

The Rest:—Jack Watson, C. Hast, D. W. Waterson and J. G. Meyer (skip) 20; R. P. Phillips, E. V. Searle, S. M. White and P. Stoneham (skip) 17; W. D. Dixon, A. E. E. Jeffries, J. S. Beach and C. B. Hosking (skip) 15; G. E. F. Thompson, P. T. Barby, T. Armstrong and L. Guy (skip) 19; G. W. Denon, H. Cooper, H. E. Drew and T. C. Robson (skip) 26. Total 97.

LADIES' GOLF

Mrs. Lindsell, 80-22=64, won the Medal Pool competition of the Ladies' Section, the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, played at Fanning during December. Mrs. H. W. R. Williams, 101-36=65, was second, and Mrs. D. W. Percy, 80-18=68, was third. The following qualified for the Captain's Cup Competition: Old Course—Mrs. Cassidy, 92-14=78. New Course—Mrs. H. W. R. Williams, 101-36=65.



Lieut. Talbot, the Navy's first, who has been playing a big part in the Navy's success in the recent matches.—Photo by A. A. Kohn.

S. African Motoring Grand Prix

London, Jan. 3.

The South African motoring Grand Prix 200 miles scratch race was won by Luigi Villorosi, of Italy, driving a Maserati in the time of 1 hour 50 mins. 28 secs., at an average speed of 98.607 miles per hour.

The second man was Cortese, of Italy, who was also driving a Maserati. His time was 2 hours 50 secs. at an average speed of 98.603 miles per hour. Dr. Mazzacurati, of South Africa, also driving a Maserati, came in third in 2 hours 1 min. and 50 secs. at 97.802 miles per hour, with the fastest last lap of 104.272 miles an hour.

Roy Hesketh, of South Africa, driving an E. R. A. was fourth, and Lord Howe, of England, also in an E.R.A., came in seventh. The last to finish was the Hon. Peter Aitken, of England, who drove an E.R.A. Fourteen started and there were 50,000 spectators.—Reuter Special.

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CHINESE NEWSPAPERS ASSAIL WANG

Bitter Attacks On Former Minister's Demand For Peace

MYSTERIOUS ORIGIN OF STATEMENT

Hongkong newspapers are unanimous in their attack upon the peace statement allegedly issued by Wang Ching-wei. Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, veteran Kuomintang woman leader, urges the dismissal of Mr. Wang by the Kuomintang to prevent him going to Nanking as a party representative.

Shanghai believe that if Mr. Wang's interpretation of Prince Kono's demands is correct, Chungking might consider using his points as a basis for negotiation.

A Japanese message from Peiping says the officials of the Provisional Government are fully endorsing the statement issued by Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

In Tokyo the Wang Ching-wei declaration is prominently displayed by the newspapers but there is no editorial comment because the papers are waiting an official lead. Mr. Wang, it is stated, misrepresents Prince Kono's proposals on several vital points.

In London it is believed that if Wang's present move fails he will try to get more favourable terms from Japan to submit to Chiang Kai-shek. Rumours that he might join the Japanese sponsored governments are scouted.

The "United Press" issues an amazing story of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's defection. It alleges that Wang has long been making secret but unsuccessful efforts to enlist the support of the Szechuen and Yunnan military leaders for his programme.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's growing determination to continue the war, exemplified by his visits to the new bases in Shan and Lancow, is stated to have made Wang's position untenable after news of his activities leaked out, whereupon Mr. Wang's followers circulated a note that "Wang Ching-wei is in danger and we must get him out of Chungking."

This was finally accomplished by Mr. Wang's partisan, the Vice-Minister of Communications, Mr. Peng Hsueh-pai, who provided him with a plane. Mr. Peng has since been arrested.

The "United Press" Message alleges that Wang tried to win the allegiance of the Provincial Governor of Yunnan, General Lung Yun immediately reported to Marshal Chiang. Mr. Wang fled to Hanoi where his followers, Messrs. Chen Kung-po (the well-known politician and former Minister of Industry), Chow Fu-hai (head of the Publicity Department of the Chinese Government) and Tseng Chung-ming (former Vice-Minister of Railways), followed.

KONOYE'S TERMS IN ADVANCE

A further sensational angle is disclosed by the alleged discovery of a draft of Prince Kono's declaration, which had been secretly shown to Mr. Wang for approval before issue.

Mr. Wang has been in Hongkong since December 27. When the Japanese learned of Mr. Wang's flight, they expressed annoyance that he had left too early, since they wished him to remain and attempt to sound possible supporters for his ideas during the forthcoming Kuomintang Congress.

"For this reason, his emissaries are now trying to contact the Old Guard Kuomintang members overseas. Mr. Wang is also in contact with the Wu Pei-fu group in Peiping."

Further reliable information states that the Japanese intend to use Mr. Wang if they can in an attempt to set up a puppet administration in the South-west. In this connection, it is notable that while the Japanese Army usually takes charge of similar secret service work, this job is in the hands of the Naval Intelligence, since South China is primarily in their sphere of influence.

Mr. Wang's flight, however, has practically destroyed his value, even

for the Japanese, since he has failed in his main task of enlisting Yunnan support in order to cut off China's new communications.

YUNNAN DISCONTENT

It is learned from officials of the Reorganised Kwangtung Government now in Hongkong that the cause of Yunnan's discontent was the despatch of most Yunnanese troops to the front and lack of arms and munitions for the Yunnan provincial defence.

When Marshal Chiang Kai-shek heard of the intrigue he immediately arranged a meeting with General Lung Yun to whom he promised that the Central Government would replenish the provincial troops and arms.

"It is alleged that Chiang told the Yunnan Governor that since most of China's arm flow pass through Yunnanfu from Hanoi and Halphong in future a fair share of the munitions will be assigned to the Yunnanese Army. The meeting is said to have been concluded successfully."

CHIANG NOT INFORMED

Chungking, Dec. 31. Reuter is authoritatively informed, concerning the telegram alleged to have been sent by Mr. Wang Ching-wei and addressed to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek proposing to discuss peace terms with Japan on three conditions, that "the Generalissimo has received no such telegram."

VIEW OF OFFICIALS

Chungking, Dec. 31. Officialdom generally disagrees with Mr. Wang Ching-wei's statement and regards it as the latter's personal views. The points regarding an anti-Comintern and economic co-operation are particularly objectionable.

It is reiterated that in Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's statement Wang Ching-wei is regarded now as a private citizen only. Certain circles even regard Mr. Wang Ching-wei as a traitor. An official statement is expected later.

Chinese circles say that Mr. Wang Ching-wei has damaged the Chinese cause more by staying in Hongkong and issuing statements than if he went to Peiping to participate in the Japanese sponsored regime. They state that if Mr. Wang went to Peiping all the Chinese people would cast him off and brand him as a traitor. If he returned to Chungking he would probably be welcomed, though shorn of power; but by staying in Hongkong straddling the fence and issuing peace statements, he might disorganise Chinese opinion



WANG CHING-WEI

Wang's Manifesto

Statement Causes Stir In Shanghai

which hoped for the return of Wang Ching-wei to the fold. That might cause the belief abroad that there was some disunion among Chinese officials, which is said to be untrue, opinion throughout China being united with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's policy of resistance.—United Press.

PHILIPPINES REACTION

Manila, Dec. 31. The Fukien Times under the headline: "Carry on the Resistance—No Compromise," says that the Chinese throughout the Philippines oppose Mr. Wang Ching-wei's proposals.

The paper states that the Chinese in the Philippines pledge their support to Chiang Kai-shek in carrying on the war.—United Press.

PEIPING REACTION

Peiping, Jan. 1. Although no official comments are available it is understood that the authorities of the Provisional Government are fully endorsing the statement issued by Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Political circles point out that Mr. Wang proposes restoration of peace in a frank manner on the basis of a new conception of East-Asian politics. Japan's fundamental policies, as enunciated in Premier Kono's statement on December 21, are upheld by the Kuomintang leader.

The specific significance of Mr. Wang's move is, according to local political observers, that the veteran member of the Nationalist Party is running all risks in giving expression to what many Chinese, including party men, are thinking but are unable to voice openly. It is understood that there are many Chinese officials even in the Kuomintang Government who are increasingly hoping for peace.—Domel.

TOKYO SILENT

Tokyo, Dec. 31. The vernacular newspapers feature Mr. Wang Ching-wei's Hongkong statement.

Meanwhile a series of Cabinet conferences are being held to deal with China developments and the proposed reconstruction of the Cabinet.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei's declaration is regarded as the first step towards the desired settlement. However, the next move is uncertain. Officials believe that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's authority is crumbling, but they are proceeding cautiously.—United Press.

TOKYO SCEPTICAL

Tokyo, Dec. 31. The Wang Ching-wei declaration is prominently displayed on the front pages of the Japanese newspapers but is not editorially commented upon.

Official quarters decline to comment and doubt whether the declaration represents the views of actually responsible members of the Chinese Central Government.

Japanese Government circles are far more interested in the background of the departure of Mr. Wang Ching-wei from Chungking because they want to avoid the risk of being misled by a manoeuvre of Mr. Wang Ching-wei prompted by personal reasons.

As long as some uncertainty exists in Tokyo regarding the latest events in Chungking, Tokyo political circles do not believe in a peace gesture towards China.—Times-Ocean.

POINTS MISREPRESENTED

Tokyo, Jan. 1. The Japanese press publishes a silent regarding Mr. Wang Ching-wei possibly awaiting an official lead in view of the fact that Mr. Wang Ching-wei misrepresents Prince

PRESS IN HONGKONG REJECTS PROPOSAL

Kono's proposals on several vital points.—Reuter.

WANG IN HANOI?

Hanoi, Jan. 1. Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who is staying here on a self-imposed exile from Chungking, is planning to proceed to Hongkong shortly. Mr. Wang for some time recuperated in a local hospital, but he left it several days ago and has recovered his health.—Domel.

Hongkong Chinese sources say that Mr. Wang arrived here some days ago.

HONGKONG COMMENTS

Taken completely by surprise by the statement of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the Hongkong Chinese newspapers indulge in bitter comment. Challenging the points raised in the statement, the Wah Kiu Yat Po says that if the Japanese have no territorial ambition the Lukouchiao incident could never have occurred. If the Japanese really repent the least they can do is to show their sincerity by withdrawing troops from China and talking peace afterwards. Such a tremendous problem as peace cannot be solved by circular telegrams and Wang should return immediately to Chungking, where as Deputy Chairman of the Kuomintang there is nothing which he cannot discuss with the highest authorities.

The Kung Sheng Daily News says: "We wish to represent the Chinese and say this much to Mr. Wang Ching-wei. For China to compromise now is to surrender, which means entire subjugation. That will be opposed by 450,000,000 Chinese people. The Japanese have not defeated the Chinese; and any change in the national policy of resistance will result in the most serious disunion within the country."

"The aggressor has now found himself in a most serious position in military, political, diplomatic and economic spheres," says the Hongkong Shing Pao, which adds: "All the peace talk from Japanese sources is merely underhand means to cause a split within the National Government and to subjugate China without the expense of a war." The paper regretted that the "peace statement" should have been issued by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the author of the "scorched earth policy."

THE KONOYE STATEMENT

Revealing that before December 22, when the Japanese Prime Minister Prince Kono issued his statement on peace terms with the Chinese Government, Wang Ching-wei had already conveyed the Japanese terms to the Central authorities in Chungking, the Sing Tao Jih Pao

charges Wang Ching-wei with acting as a double to Prince Kono.

Wang Ching-wei left Chungking on December 18, four days before the Japanese Prime Minister released his declaration, the paper points out.

Every time when China suffered a reverse during the fighting, the paper continues, Wang never failed to take advantage to propose peace with the Japanese in response to the enemy political and military pressure.

"It is most ridiculous to find that Wang's message is but a copy of Kono's statement," declares the newspaper. "However, it is most certain that the vicious Wang-Kono double play will not in the least influence our determined will to carry on the holy war against the invaders."

The South China Daily News, which is known for its pro-Wang Ching-wei attitude, comments in its editorial that the statement by Wang Ching-wei to the Central Officials is in the nature of a suggestion. Mr. Wang's long association with the Kuomintang and with the Government has given him a deep understanding of conditions in China, which to-day are critical. As the issue at stake concerns the life and death of all Chinese this proposal to the Central Government was made only after the most careful consideration.

WOMAN LEADER'S ATTACK

One of the oldest Kuomintang women leaders, in Hongkong, Mrs. Liao Chung-kai (widow of the late Mr. Liao Chung-kai, former Canton Province Commissioner who was assassinated) has issued a statement denouncing Mr. Wang Ching-wei. She advocates dismissal of Mr. Wang by the Kuomintang to prevent him from going to Nanking as a representative of the Kuomintang. She says that this is no time for any "anti-Chiang Kai-shek movement," and if any one has a personal feud with Chiang this is the time to forget it.

A SERIOUS MATTER

London, Jan. 1. The Chinese Central Government, it is clear, is now divided upon the continuance of war, says the "Daily Telegraph," and Mr. Wang Ching-wei, an old revolutionist who drafted Sun Yat-sen's will, and was his favourite disciple, carries authority sufficient to make his defection a serious matter.

Were he to persuade the Japanese to withdraw their troops "a basis for discussion" might indeed be found in the terms Prince Kono outlined, though they would need modification.

But what chance would Prince Kono, or any other Japanese statesman have of obtaining from the generals and admirals who really rule Japan, military withdrawal as a preliminary to negotiations? Indeed, what hope is there of more moderate terms even then?—Reuter.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Card game
2—Take out
3—Leave out
4—Persian elf
5—Gentle (abbr.)
6—Confront
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1—Short burst
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4—Not of scale
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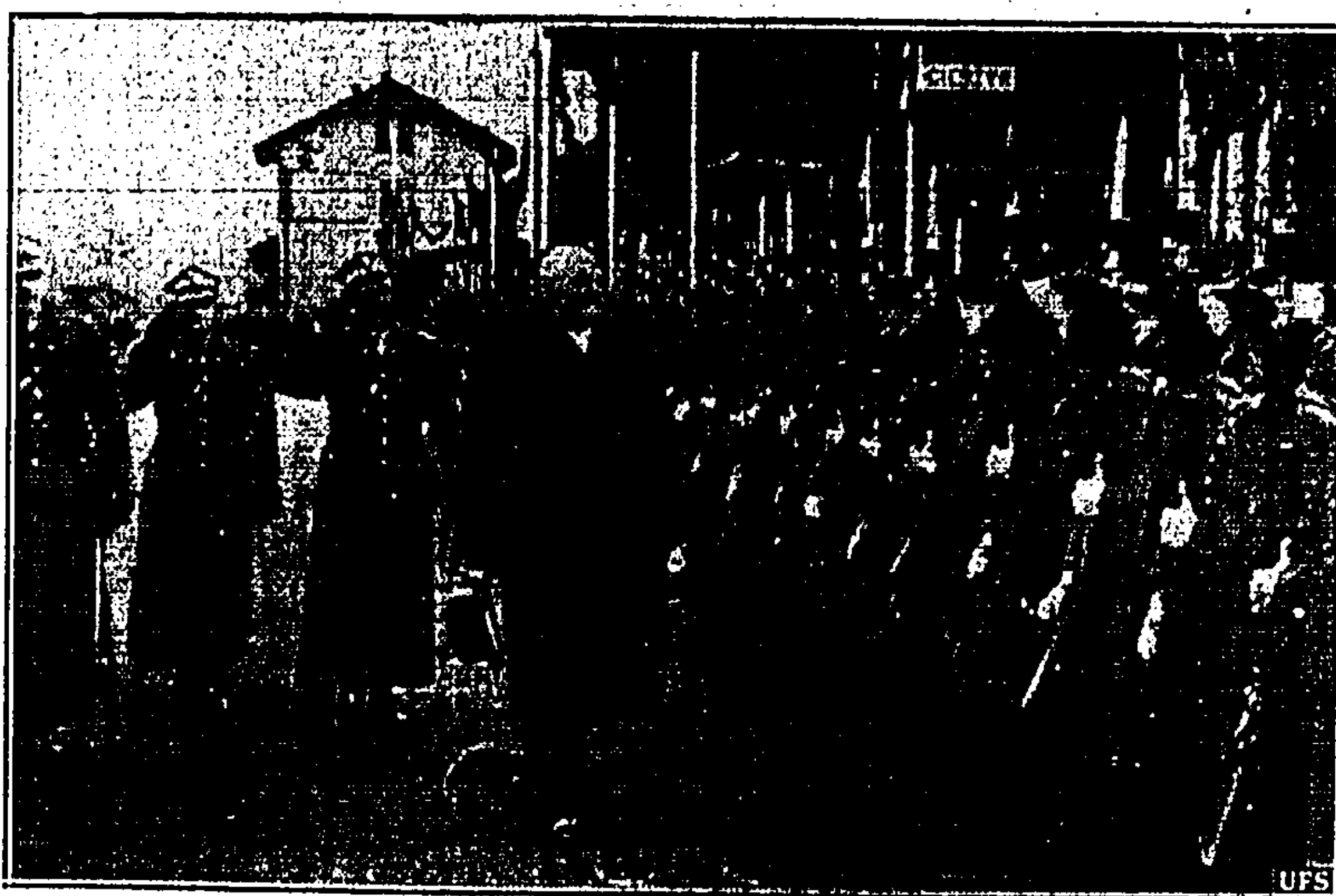
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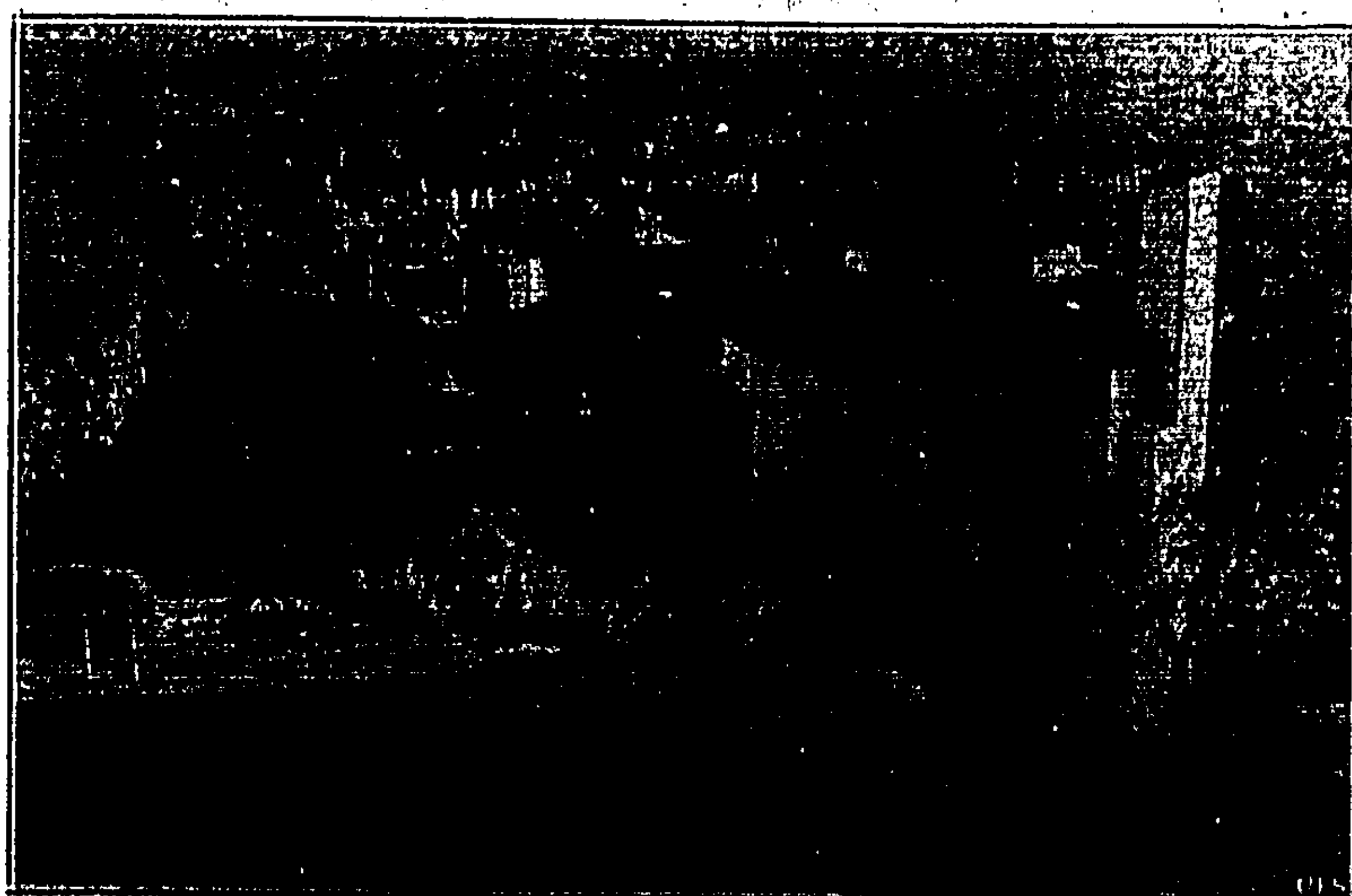
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Scene in Kenya Colony, East Africa, where the British Government proposes to colonise Jews now suffering persecution in Nazi Germany. This picture was made by Paul Hoefer, moving picture photographer and leader of the Colorado African Expedition a few years ago. Sambura and Rendille tribesmen are watering flocks at famed Laikipia waterhole.



Poland, formerly, an ancient kingdom, later divided by Russia, Prussia and Austria, declared its independence 20 years ago, after the World War. Each year the Republic observes its Independence Day and here is Professor Ignatz Mosicki, president, reviewing troops on that day in Cieszyn, in territory recently ceded by Czechoslovakia.



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RAJPUTANA	17,000	10th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
TILAWA	10,000	10th Jan.	Japan.
RANCHI	17,000	20th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
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Daladier Starts Voyage To Possessions

BERLIN, Jan. 2.

M. DALADIER'S TOUR is being followed with much interest, but official quarters are reticent, there being an obvious intention not to make too much of the tour at the present.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" appears to reflect feeling in political circles, when it asserts that French diplomacy is now, as always, endeavouring to create a favourable point in departure, by a gesture of exaggerated unyieldingness.

The paper adds: "Italo-French relations have become a European question. If people abroad would grasp the meaning of the clear unbreakable obligations arising from our relationship with Rome, which the Fuehrer underlined precisely at this hour, our attitude to the Mediterranean question would not be exposed to misinterpretation."

—Reuter.

WARM WELCOME

Bastia, Jan. 2.
The Mayor of Bastia to-day welcomed M. Edouard Daladier, the French Premier, when he called there in the course of his tour of Corsica and Tunisia.

He recalled that 40,000 Corsicans had given their lives in the Great War, and he added that Corsicans would gladly give their last man if a single inch of French territory was threatened.

Acknowledging the warmth of his reception, M. Daladier declared that he was more than ever certain that they would always follow the way of courage and honour.

With crowds singing the Marseillaise, M. Daladier re-embarked on the cruiser Foch for Bizerte, where he is expected to arrive to-morrow morning. —Reuter.

LITTLE PROMINENCE

Rome, Jan. 2.
The press gives very little prominence to the start of M. Daladier's colonial tour.

It is noted that the tour is taking place without a "display of force," which it was originally supposed here would accompany it. —Reuter.

"Scotch Whisky" Made In Japan

The efforts of the Japanese to imitate Scotch whisky—ever to the length of naming a Japanese town "Aberdeen"—and calling the Japanese-made spirit after it—were mentioned at Glasgow Sheriff Court recently.

Messrs. Henderson and Turnbull, a Glasgow firm, were charged with applying the false trade description "Scotch whisky" to each of 200 bottles of a blend containing 33 per cent Scotch malt whisky and 67 per cent Irish grain whisky. The firm has pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Hastie, a director of White Horse Distillers, described visits of Japanese to the North of Scotland when he was there engaged on research.

Richard Francis Nicholson, chairman and managing director of J. and W. Nicholson and Co., Ltd., distillers and rectifiers, Bromley and Clerkenwell, London, said he had been in the thick of the controversy as to what was Scotch whisky and what was Irish whisky from an early date in his career.

Mr. Patrick, K.C., defending: Can you tell us whether in the past English grain spirit—that is, grain spirit distilled in England—has gone to Scotland to be blended with Scotch malt?—In large quantities.

Over what period of time had that been going on to your knowledge?—I have been in the business for over 51 years, and it has been going on all that time and it happened before that.

Mr. Nicholson said his firm had never throughout its long history made any secret of the fact that it blended English grain or Scotch grain or Irish grain with Scotch malt in order to produce blended Scotch whisky.

In the controversy in the trade here had been one of the leading protagonists of the contention that it was entirely correct to do so. No attempt had been made, in spite of his publication of these facts, to accuse him of false trade description. The court adjourned.

ROOSEVELT MAY THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET

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alone was sufficient in the case of a European nation a few years ago to end discrimination. Her Ambassador was shown the text of the proposed decree, and capitulation followed.

The Administration does not visualise these drastic steps immediately, but it is reliably learned that if public opinion continues to harden in the face of repeated provocations, the Government will not hesitate to go the limit, so convinced is it, that particularly in occupied China, American enterprise, educational and philanthropic, as well as commercial, is being deliberately throttled. —Reuter.

Man Kept From Crowd By Police Child Murder Charge

"I DO not quite understand why I did it. I cannot make out what..."

Joseph Dell, 46-years-old unemployed ice-cream salesman, mumbled this at Hove Police Court recently when charged with the murder of Patricia Owens, aged four.

His words were interrupted by the clerk, who told him to listen to the magistrate.

Formal evidence of arrest and of the finding of the girl's body under a seat outside an allotment shed after a three-days search was given, and Dell was remanded.

PARENTS ABSENT

When Dell, in reply to the Mayor, Councillor A. W. Hillman, said he would like legal aid, his voice broke and he wiped his eyes.

Patricia Owens's parents were not in court.

The crowds had dwindled to a small throng, mainly composed of women, when Dell was taken away from the court in the afternoon. As he was entering the police car there was some hissing and booing.

Police prevented members of the crowd, who adopted a threatening attitude, from approaching the car.

INQUEST ADJOURNED

The inquest on the girl was later opened by Dr. E. F. Hoare, East Sussex coroner.

Thomas Owens, the father, who showed considerable emotion, was allowed to go home immediately he had given his evidence of identification.

Dr. Hoare adjourned the inquest pending the result of the court proceedings.

Meanwhile Sir Bernard Spilsbury and doctors continued their examination of the body in the adjoining mortuary. With them were Chief Inspector Thompson and Sergeant Dray, of Scotland Yard.

Nursery For Egyptian Princess

CAIRO.

SEVENTEEN - YEAR - OLD QUEEN FARIDA of Egypt and the baby Princess Ferial, born recently at the Montaza Palace, Alexandria, will soon move to Cairo, where a nursery on the most modern Western lines has been prepared at the Abdin Palace.

The nursery has been decorated by an Egyptian painter with Nile animal pictures and scenes from Egyptian fairy tales, which the young King and Queen, with the memory of their own childhood still fresh, think should prove amusing and instructive to their baby.

Miss Jane Sergeant, British matron of Cairo's chief Government hospital, is still at Montaza, the King's seaside palace, seeing that all is of the best and most efficient.

LATE NEWS

IRISH BORDER BOMB

London, Jan. 1.
A customs shed on the border of Eire and Northern Ireland was blown up last night. No one was injured as the shed was deserted. —Reuter.

1939 MORE TRANQUIL, SAYS CHAMBERLAIN

London, Jan. 2.
At the conclusion of his Yorkshire holiday to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in a brief statement to the press, said that he thought 1939 would be a more tranquil year than 1938. —Reuter.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN FOR DRY DOCK

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan will berth at Kowloon at 7.30 a.m. to-morrow. She will go into dry-dock for annual overhaul 90 minutes later, after discharging passengers.

NEW PRIMATE OF ALL IRELAND

London, Jan. 2.
Dr. J. A. F. Gregg, the Archbishop of Dublin, has been appointed Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland in succession to Dr. Day. Dr. Gregg will be installed on January 25. —Reuter.

Hockey

Final Of Small Units Competition

The final of the Small Units Hockey Knockout Championship between Headquarters Wing and "G" Company of the Rajputana Rifles was played at Sookumpoo on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the former by five goals to nil.

Although the game appeared to be rather one-sided from the result, it was in fact interesting and play was of a high standard. Prominent for the winners were Pritham Nath and Indarjit Singh, while R. Singh was outstanding for the losers.

The winners opened the scoring shortly after the start through Indarjit Singh and a few minutes later Gopal Khan put them further ahead. Just before the interval, Pritham Nath increased the lead from a "penalty bully."

After the interval further goals were added by Pritham Nath and Indarjit Singh.

At the conclusion of the game, Col. N.M.S. Irwin presented the trophy.

FANCY DRESS MATCH

An amusing game of hockey was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators at the Y.M.C.A. ground on Saturday, when the "V" members turned out in fancy dress, supported by lady members.

Most of the hockey rules were ignored, the umpires, Messrs. R. Henderson and W. Simpson, dressed up as the Ugly Sisters, allowing the players at times to convert the game into a soccer or rugby match.

INTERNATIONAL GAME

An intra-club match between teams representing England and Scotland was played by the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club at Happy Valley on Saturday. Although they played with only ten players, England won by four goals, after leading by two at the interval.

The scorers were Miss M. Smalley (2), Miss R. Smalley and Mrs. Waddell.

SHELAEFF INQUEST

Accidental Death Found

By Coroner

San Francisco, Dec. 30.

A Coroner's inquest to-day found that Andre Shelaeff's death was accidental, resulting from blows administered by Salvatore in a boxing match conducted under the rules and observation of the California Boxing Commission.

It was also found that Shelaeff was suffering from the initial stages of lobar pneumonia "which could have influenced his physical condition to the extent of making him less able to properly defend himself against the powerful blows of his opponent."

As the charge against Salvatore for the manslaughter of Shelaeff has been dismissed by Mr. Herbert Kaufman, the Municipal Judge. —United Press.

Only 19 years of age, Shelaeff died in San Francisco on December 13 following a fight with George Salvatore, which he lost. He fell unconscious under a cold shower in his dressing room and was taken to hospital.

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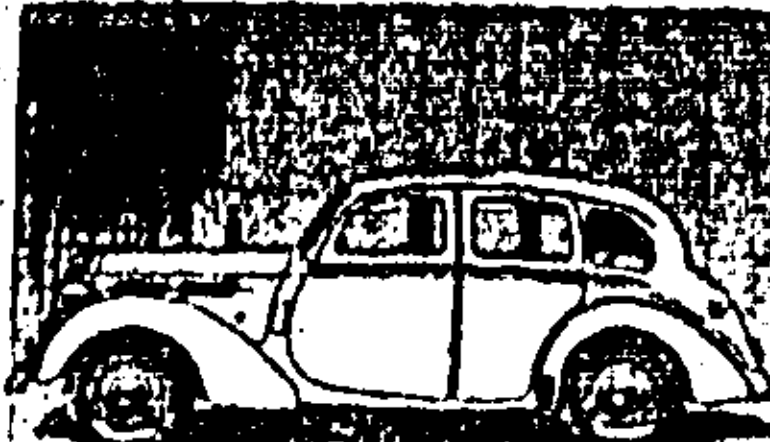
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Britain's Reply To Nazi Naval Threat

LONDON, Jan. 2.
BRITAIN MAY REPLY to Germany's decision to build a great U-Boat fleet by constructing a large armada of medium-sized destroyers, according to Hector C. Bywater, the well-informed Naval Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph".
Mr. Bywater believes that between 24 and 30 ships of this type will be ordered this year.

West River Opened To (Japanese) Shipping

CANTON, Jan. 1.
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST third Power interests has now become real on the West River.
The Japanese, who refuse passage to foreign merchant shipping on the grounds that guerilla activity makes the river unsafe for shipping, have themselves commenced a service between Canton and Macao.
They have chosen a novel method of persuading Chinese from leaving Canton and of persuading refugees to return to the city.
The outward fare to Canton is \$20. But the inward fare from Macao to Canton is only twenty cents.
It is reported here that the Japanese naval authorities offered to commence a similar service, operated under the Rijnau-Sun, between Canton and Hongkong.
The offer was rejected by the British authorities when the Japanese declined to open the river to simultaneous navigation by foreign shipping, according to these reports.
It is evident that many Chinese are returning to Canton overland. The majority are coming in via Shekai, which is still connected with Macao by motor-bus.
Comparatively few of the Chinese are of the middle or upper classes, and first-class merchants are still conspicuous by their absence. Most of the better-class shops in Canton are still closed, their windows shuttered and their doors barred.
The Ol Kwan Hotel, Canton's 14-storey skyscraper which escaped destruction during the Great Fire, has re-opened. The fifth floor of the hotel, favourite look-out for American and other news-reel cameramen during the Japanese air raids in pre-occupation days, has been taken over by the Japanese military authorities.
The three lower floors have been thrown open to the public, the old tariff still applying.
The White House Hotel on Taiping Malao has, it is alleged, become the Canton branch of the Matsubara Hotel of Hongkong, and it is filled with Japanese.
Many rooms in the New Asia Hotel have also been commandeered by the Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

250,000 GUERRILLAS IN DRIVE

A QUARTER OF A MILLION guerrillas, equipped with modern arms and supplies, are now operating along the Yangtze River between Shanghai and Nanking, according to information received in Chungking from military sources.
The guerrillas are in complete control of the Yangtze valley with the exception of Woosung, Kiangyin, Nanking and a few other strategic points where Japanese garrisons are maintained.
The Japanese are able to maintain communications between their garrisons only by the use of naval craft along the river. Highways out of reach of the Japanese naval guns are controlled by the guerrillas.
Chinese officials who have accepted office under the pro-Japanese governments have, in most cases, withdrawn to the sanctuary afforded by Shanghai.
Those who remain at Nanking and other centres are in constant danger of retribution in the event of guerrilla overhauling the Japanese garrisons.
According to latest information, the guerrillas have met with such success that they are now in possession of Yu Hui Tai, on the southern outskirts of Nanking.
Repeated sorties have been made by bands of guerrillas, who have on several occasions succeeded in reaching the city gates.
As a result of the proximity of the irregular Japanese troops do not venture from the confines of the city unless they are in large numbers, covered by mechanised units.

Blizzard Dislocates Northern Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 1.
The heavy snow storm which has hit northern Japan has resulted in holding up the railway schedule.
In the Nigata and Ishikawa Prefectures, which were worst hit by the blizzard, 61 railway lines had been virtually suspended up to Saturday, when they were restored to normal running.
According to a message from Tsuruga, the port for the Japan-Manchukuo ferry-boat service, sailings have been temporarily suspended. The Harbin Maru, scheduled to sail on Sunday, put off her departure until Monday.—Domei.

A DAY

TOKYO, JAN. 2.
THE WAR IN CHINA IS NOW COSTING JAPAN £1,000,000 A DAY.

In order to continue the staggering task of financing the war with China, Japan must this year find £353,000,000 in excess of the ordinary Budget.

The island Empire has already spent £250,000,000 on the war that started out by being an "incident".

Yesterday, Tokyo newspapers revealed that the Ministry for the Treasury has received the demand from the three fighting services for a Budget of 6,000,000,000 yen—to be spent in shells and bombs for China.

This huge amount—£353,000,000 in sterling—represents an increase of 1,000,000,000 yen over the 1938 war expenditure. In sterling, it represents an increase of £59,000,000.

This is in addition to Japan's ordinary budget.

The increase has been necessitated, says Japanese apologists, "in view of Japan's proposed establishment of a new order in East Asia, which necessitates the replenishment of materials to be consumed as well as the long-term stationing of Japanese troops in China."

Tokyo newspapers predict that the special budget will be raised by the issuance of public bonds to the amount of 5,000,000,000 yen (£294,000,000). The long-term loan Japan has ever attempted to raise.

At the end of this year, if the Sino-Japanese War is still in progress, the total cost to Japan will be more than £600,000,000.

It easily exceeds the cost of any war in history with the exception of the Great War of 1914-18.—Reuter and Domei.

CABINET RE-SHUFFLE BELIEVED NEAR

A re-shuffle of the Japanese Cabinet is believed to be imminent, according to a "Trans-Ocean" message.

Numerous conversations have taken place recently between leading political personalities. These conversations will, it is believed, be resumed this week.

Ministers who have chiefly participated in the conversations included, in addition to those in charge of the various defence departments, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Social Welfare.

It is believed significant that the Minister of the Interior was not a participant.

It is also observed that, during the past few days, the President of the Privy Council, Baron Hirokuma, has been in conversation with the Keeper of Privy Seal, who acts as the representative of the Crown. In addition, Baron Hirokuma has conversed with the Premier, Prince Konoye, and with other members of the Cabinet.

JAPAN AT CROSS-ROADS

Ministers Admit Situation's Gravity
"Unless the still-rampant anti-Japanese agencies under the Chiang Kai-shek regime in China are totally destroyed the ultimate objective of the China Incident will not be attained."

This admission was made in Tokyo yesterday by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. K. Arita, in the course of a New Year message to the people of Japan.

The Foreign Minister stressed the necessity of making further efforts to see that conditions in China were properly understood by Third Powers. He regretted that some Third Powers were, for various reasons, pursuing policies of assisting the Central Government.

General S. Hasegawa, the Minister for War, in a New Year message, issued a warning to Third Powers, and pointed out that expansion by "a certain Third Power" (presumably Soviet Russia) of armament supplies in the Far East added considerably to

Japan Tightens Grip On Trade In North China

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3.
JAPANESE GOODS occupied first place in Shanghai's imports during the last six months of 1938, according to a Shanghai report based on information from the Chinese Maritime Customs.
The total amount of import duties collected by the Shanghai Customs in the past year was \$84,910,000, of which \$51,000,000 was collected during the last six months of the year.
All the revenue collected after July 1 last year, when the Japanese took over the Customs, has been deposited in the Japanese Yokohama Specie Bank.—Central News.

New Russo-Japanese Tension On Border

FRESH TENSION has arisen on Saghalien Island as a result of a new affray.

A "Domei" message states that the new incident arose following the shooting to death by a Soviet patrol of two Japanese huntersmen. A third Japanese is missing.

It is officially announced in Tokyo that strong protests have been lodged with the Soviet Government against three definite cases of alleged acts of violence committed by Soviet frontier patrols on Saghalien. Saghalien Island, lying north of Japan proper, comprises an area approximately 30,000 square miles. The lower portion, lying below the 50th meridian was ceded to Japan by the Treaty of Portsmouth after the Russo-Japanese War of 1904.

According to a communiqué issued by the Japanese Government two Japanese subjects were kidnapped on November 22 on the Soviet-Japanese frontier. In reply to a protest filed by the Japanese Foreign Office the Soviet authorities pointed out that the two Japanese were in possession of arms. Soviet frontier patrols shot them dead and buried their bodies, the Soviet reply revealed.

The Japanese communiqué points out that the two were only equipped with hunting guns and were engaged in hunting inside Japanese territory. Another case of illegal attack by the Soviets is charged in the communiqué which announces that on October 23, another Japanese bearing markings of the Red Star on both wings crossed the frontier, and keeping an altitude of 300 metres, encircled Tatsuko, in Japanese territory, for about six minutes before it flew back into Soviet territory.—Domei.

ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AT DJIBOUTI

Paris, Jan. 2.
A boycott campaign against the economic life of Djibouti appears to be taking shape there, according to despatches received here from that port to-day.

Forwarding agents have received instructions to forward rapidly all Italian goods to Abyssinia.

Meanwhile the Italian Consul-General has left Djibouti for Rome. The population in Djibouti is climbing. According to French reports, some effervescence is apparent in Abyssinia, where the economic life of the country has slowed down owing to the lack of money, and the country, apart from the big centres, remains unsatisfied.—Reuter.

\$35,000 Bail In Fraud Charge

CHARGED WITH the fraudulent conversion of a draft for US\$3,204.92, the property of the Chinese Ministry of Finance, a clerk employed by the Hongkong office of the Ministry was brought before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The clerk was Hsu Chien, aged 48. He was remanded for 72 hours on the application of Det. Insp. A. S. L. Hopkins.

Bail was allowed in the sum of \$30,000.

Mr. P. H. Sin is appearing for the defendant.

Jews Still Flock To Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3.
Another group of 340 Jews have arrived in Shanghai from Austria. The total number of Jews who have recently arrived is 1,400, according to a Shanghai dispatch.—Central News.

CHUNGKING COUP D'ETAT RUMOURED

A SENSATIONAL STORY of a Left Wing coup d'etat in Chungking, allegedly led by Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, has been reported in a "Domei" News Agency message from Shanghai, received in Hongkong shortly after noon to-day.

The message states that Left Wing members of the Kuomintang have purged the Party of pro-Wang Ching-wei and other Rightist elements.

Among 120 Rightist members of the Kuomintang alleged to have been taken into custody are, states the message, Chen Quo-fu and Chang Tao-fan.

Mr. Sun Fo is alleged to have been chosen as head of the new Government, which has been renamed the Chinese Soviet Government.

The report, which quotes the Tairiku Shimpo, Japanese organ published in Shanghai, claims that Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan, and Mr. T. V. Soong, are excluded from membership in the new Cabinet.

"Rumours, which cannot be confirmed, further state that the 'die-hards', including Chen Ching, Sun Fo and Yu Yu-jen are tightening their control of the Nationalist front."

No other news agency carries reports of a reorganisation of the Chinese Government.

It is notable that the report, if true, would be a serious blow to Japan, indicating as it does a solidarity of the group opposed to Wang Ching-wei.

New Year's Eve Wedding Unites Macao Couple

Macao, Dec. 31.
A wedding of much interest to social circles in Macao took place in the Church of St. Lawrence, this morning when Miss Beatriz Ramalho, daughter of Lieut. and Mme. J. Ramalho, was united in marriage to Dr. Cassiano Fonseca. Rev. Fr. M. Teixeira officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who came out from Portugal two years ago after completing her course in the Coimbra University, is an able educationalist in the Macao Lyceum while Dr. Fonseca is a very popular medical practitioner in Macao.

The bride entered the church on her father's arm, and made a beautiful picture in her Empire gown of white tulle and lace. Charming details were the epaulettes, shoulders and closely-fitting pointed bodice. From a coronet of tulle, her embroidered veil cascaded the full length of her sweeping train. She carried white chrysanthemums with maiden-hair fern.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Maria H. Ribeiro and Angela do Rosario, the former in blue, the latter in pink. Pretty veils hung from their heads, which were ornamented each with a rose. Their bouquets were of orange blossoms. The bride's mother, Mrs. Ramalho, and the bride's aunt, Mrs. D. S. Alves, chose plain black crepe with hats to match. Mr. Mario Ribeiro performed the duties of best man, and Mr. Luiz G. Alves supported the bride.

A reception at the Macao Club followed the ceremony. Dr. and Mrs. Fonseca are spending their honeymoon in Hongkong.—Our Own Correspondent.

INDIAN IS REBUKED

'Harsh, Unconscionable,' Said Judge
An Indian money-lender was described as "harsh and unconscionable" in the Bankruptcy Court by Mr. Justice Lindell this morning.

Directing the Official Receiver, Mr. L. R. Andrews, to reject proof of a debt for \$3,600.80 filed by Kartar Singh against Archibald Hynes Roberts, Mr. Justice Lindell said that it was an attempt to squeeze the debtor dry.

The application for authority to reject the proof was made by the Official Receiver in connection with the bankruptcy of Roberts, formerly of the Victoria Printing Press.

BIG GAINS CLAIMED BY FRANCO

BILBAO, Jan. 2.
THE INSURGENT OFFENSIVE in Catalonia made further important progress on Monday, according to reports received here, the right flank in the Tarragona district, as well as columns in the Segre section advancing according to schedule.

Latest reports from the Tarragona front stated that troops under the command of General Solchaga have penetrated to within 3 1/2 miles of the town of Falset on the highway between Mora De Ebro and Tarragona, having occupied en route the villages of Vilabella Alta and Vilabella Baja.

Falset is now within range of the insurgent artillery.

Insurgency was active to-day in mopping up a region on the left bank of the Ebro between Vinadre and Gardia.

In the northern sector, troops of General Moscardo and General Munoz Grande are advancing together on the highway between Benavent and Artesa De Segre, but progress is retarded by the severe cold and snow.

An insurgent column, advancing from Granadella towards the East, have occupied the town of Juncosa, about 10 kilometres east of Granadella.

The successes of the past ten days as recorded in the territory occupied and the prisoners taken were revealed here to-day. Since the Friday before Christmas, 1,050 square miles of Catalonia territory have fallen into the hands of the insurgent, about 1,000 of these lying in the Lerida sector. Forty Catalan villages in Lerida and Tarragona provinces have also been captured. The total number of prisoners is estimated at 10,200, and the Loyalist air forces losses are said to be 79 planes.—Trans-Ocean.

LATEST

Air Mail On Schedule

Imperial Airways Delia expected on schedule at Kaitak 5 p.m. tomorrow with U.K. and Australian mails.

See Back Page For Further Late News

FOUR PEERS IN NEW YEAR HONOURS

Diplomatic And Scientific Leaders Prominent In New Awards

"Man of Million Secrets" Elevated To Peerage

The New Year Honours conferred by His Majesty the King include four Barons, two Privy Counsellors, two Baronets, 35 Knights Bachelors, in addition to many conferred in the Dominions and Colonies, and two Orders of Merits.

The new Peers are Sir Maurice Hankey, late Secretary of the Cabinet and the Committee of Imperial Defence, Cecil Harmsworth, Sir Laurence Phillips, the shipping magnate, and Sir Arthur Greer, Lord Justice of Appeal.

The full list is as follows:

BARONS

SIR ARTHUR GREER, the distinguished English lawyer and High Court Judge, was born in 1864, the son of a Liverpool merchant and was educated at Ormskirk Grammar School, the Old Aberdeen Grammar School and Aberdeen University, where he graduated.

During the war he did valuable work in the Prize Court and was knighted in 1919. He has emphasized the need for more judges in order to expedite the administration of justice, and once suggested that ten more were necessary, and that he knew no civilised country in the world where the supply of High Court judges was so meagre as in England.

SIR MAURICE HANKEY, the "man of a million secrets," was the British Secretary to the Peace Conference in 1919. In recognition of his services during the Great War he received the Order of Knight of the Grand Cross of the Bath and was granted £25,000. He has been one of the British directors of the Suez Canal. He is 62 years of age and was educated at Rugby. He is a South Australian and re-visited his native country for the first time since the Great War to attend the Melbourne Centenary celebrations in 1934. Lady Hankey is also a Colonial.

CECIL HARMSWORTH is the younger brother of the late Lord Northcliffe and the present Lord Rothermere. In recent years he has done notable work as chairman of the Open Spaces Preservation Association and the Garden Cities Association and has been instrumental in abolishing many slums in London and other areas. During the Great War he acted as Minister of Blockade.

SIR LAURENCE PHILLIPS is the brother of the late Lord Kylsant and Lord St. David. He is prominently associated with the Royal Mail Union and his grandfather at Warrington, and has gradually built up the concern until it is now five or six times as large as when he first took control. During the World War he was among the first to foresee that the conclusion of hostilities would find Britain ill-equipped for the race for markets and he has perhaps done more than any other Briton to maintain British industry at a high level. He was born in October 1868 and educated at Charter House and Trinity College, Cambridge.

PRIVY COUNCILLORS

RICHARD A. BUTLER, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, becomes one of the youngest Privy Counsellors in the British Empire. He was born in December, 1902, in India, where his father, Sir Montagu Butler, was Governor of the Central Provinces. At Cambridge, where he was educated, he took a double first—in modern languages and history—and was president of the Union. He entered the House of Commons at the age of 27 as Conservative M.P.

for Saffron Walden, Essex and became a Parliamentary Private Secretary to India a few months later. He is a protégé of the Prime Minister, who made him Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour when he succeeded Lord Baldwin to the Premiership, and Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in February 1938.

CAPTAIN HARRY CROOKS-HANK, soldier, diplomat and statesman, is another coming young Privy Counsellor. He was born in May, 1893, and was educated at Eton, where he was a King's scholar, and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he had just taken second class honours in Moderations when the war began. He served throughout the war with the Hampshire Regiment, being twice wounded. Entering the diplomatic service in 1919, he soon forsook military service for a parliamentary career and was elected Conservative M.P. for Gainsborough in 1924. He became Under Secretary for the Home Department three years ago.

BARONETS

JOHN DONALD POLLOCK is one of the greatest benefactors of Scottish education and is described as the "Scotland's Lord Nuffield." He established a £250,000 educational trust for Scotland and later developed it as an extension of this, a big scheme for the welfare of Edinburgh students. Incidentally he took the medical degree at Edinburgh University and with a few pounds in his pocket set up as a doctor in London. Although he soon gained the lucrative practice he threw it up to travel round the world with the late Duke of Leinster. On the Duke's death, Dr. Pollock exchanged medical for commercial interests. He founded a ship breaking company which broke British war ships at Rosyth and German warships from Scapa Flow. These enterprises made him a rich man.

SIR PETER RYLANDS is described as Britain's great steel king. He is a member of the famous Lancashire firm of Rylands, founded by his grandfather at Warrington, and has gradually built up the concern until it is now five or six times as large as when he first took control. During the World War he was among the first to foresee that the conclusion of hostilities would find Britain ill-equipped for the race for markets and he has perhaps done more than any other Briton to maintain British industry at a high level. He was born in October 1868 and educated at Charter House and Trinity College, Cambridge.

KNIGHT BACHELORS

GERALD DODSON, who until the latter part of 1938 (when he retired) was Chief Recorder of London, has heard some of the most famous of the cases that have gone through Old Bailey. He was educated at Downing College, Cambridge, where he

took a B.A. and LL.B. in 1905 and, after the Great War, was appointed Recorder at Tenterden, Kent. He became Recorder at Old Bailey in September, 1937. Justice Dodson is the author of several light operative works, the first of which, the "Rebel with a Montague," Phillips, the musician, when the two were on naval duty on a lonely island off the Scottish coast, watching for enemy submarines during the Great War.

WILL SPENS, the Cambridge Don, is also included in the New Year Honours. He was born in 1882 and educated at Rugby, where he gained a first in natural science, he was appointed Director in Science at Corpus Christi College in 1906 and five years later became tutor. He broke off his university work and served with the Foreign Office during the Great War (for which services he was awarded the C.B.E.) but resumed his work in 1923 when he became a member of the Statutory Commission. He succeeded Dr. Pearce as master of Corpus Christi in 1927 and, in 1931, was elected Vice-Chancellor of the University, but which time he had become one of the leading theologians in the Church of England. In 1933, he created a Loan Fund for the benefit of students who had lost the incomes on which they had relied to enable them to remain at the University long enough to graduate. He retired from the Vice-Chancellorship in 1933.

ORDERS OF MERIT

LORD CHATFIELD would be one of the three men upon whom would devolve the task of protecting Britain should war break out. As First Sea Lord and Admiral of the Fleet, he had a responsibility during the Abyssinian crisis of safeguarding Britain's naval positions in the Mediterranean, where the Spanish Civil War later brought many difficulties. He was responsible for the mobilisation of the Fleet during the September crisis.

He was raised to the peerage as Lord Chatfield seven months ago. On the outbreak of the Great War, he was Flag Captain to Admiral Beatty in H.M.S. Lion and, in that capacity, took part in three big naval engagements—Heligoland, Dogger Bank and Jutland. He retired from his post as Admiral of the Fleet after the September crisis but, at the request of the Government, decided to retain office until next March.

SIR JAMES JEANS, one of England's most distinguished scientists, was described by Sir Oliver Lodge as "one of the greatest men in the world." He is generally recognised as one of the world's six leading astronomers. The views that he has published have been set forth in publications which, because of their non-technical language, have become best-sellers. These include

Hongkong Lists

Local Citizens In N.Y. Honour Lists

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division):

to be an ordinary member of the Third Class, or Commander:

The Hon. Mr. Richard McNeil Henderson.

The Hon. Mr. Richard McNeil Henderson, M. Inst. C.E., Chartered Civil Engineer, was born in 1886 and was appointed to the Colony as Senior Assistant Engineer in 1912. In the following year he was in charge of the Taitam Tuk Scheme, 2nd Section. He was Acting Executive Engineer in 1914 when he was seconded for special duty at Welbairi in 1921. Mr. Henderson was appointed Engineer in Charge of the Shing Mun Valley Scheme. In 1925 he was appointed Water Engineer and three years later Assistant Director of Public Works. He paid a visit to England in connection with the Shing Mun Valley Scheme in 1929, returning the same year. In 1932, when he was appointed D.P.W., Mr. Henderson was Assistant Director of Public Works for Kowloon and the New Territories, a member of the Labour Advisory Board, a member of the Legislative and Executive Councils and vice-President of the Sanitary Board.

MR. M. F. KEY

To be an Ordinary member of the Fourth Class, or Officer:

Mr. Maurice Frederick Key. Mr. M. F. Key, who joined the Staff of the Chamber of Commerce in Hongkong in 1922, was, before the War, a London journalist. He had the advantage of early education and training in the University town of Cambridge and in 1907 went to Fleet Street, where he established a free-lance connection with the Manchester Guardian, the British Medical Journal, the Lancet and several other leading technical periodicals. After five years in the Army during the War, Mr. Key came to Hong-

kong in 1920 and joined the Daily Press, where his skilful and accurate work and humorous pen were much appreciated. Mr. Key accepted an invitation to join the staff of the Chamber of Commerce as Assistant Secretary in 1922; he was appointed Acting Secretary in April, 1924, and Secretary in January, 1925.

MR. A. K. TAYLOR

To be an ordinary member of the Fifth Class or Member.

Alexander Keith Taylor. Mr. Taylor, who is Chief Inspector in the Sanitary Department, arrived in Hongkong in August, 1905 as a police constable. He was appointed acting Lance-Sergeant in 1909 and seconded to the Registrar General's department in 1909.

He joined the Sanitary Department in March 27, 1911 and became a First-Class Sanitary Inspector in 1914 and Acting Chief Inspector in 1930. The appointment was confirmed in 1934.

MR. SUNG TENG-MAN

Mr. Sung Teng-man, who receives the Imperial Service Medal, retired from Government service a few months ago.

Joining the Police Department as an Interpreter in July, 1901, Mr. Sung became First Clerk and Interpreter, Land Office, New Territories, on January 1, 1904. A year later he was appointed First Clerk, Medical Department, becoming Accountant on April 1, 1910.

On March 1, 1925, he was appointed Higher Class Clerk and on October 2, 1935, was appointed Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions. On the occasion of his retirement from the Medical Department, Mr. Sung was the recipient of a farewell gift from his colleagues.

himself on research work for the forces. He invented the method of measuring the velocity of shells by firing them through large coils of wire in an electrical circuit. After the War, he was appointed Director of Scientific Research at the Admiralty and the Chemical Inspection Department was also placed under his control. Ten years ago he became Secretary of the Royal Society, which gave him the Hughes Medal. Born in December 1878, and educated at the Royal College of Science, he was knighted (K.C.B.) in 1931.

COMMANDER OF THE BATH

FRANK T. ASHTON-GWATKIN is a Counsellor of the Foreign Office. His inclusion in the New Year Honours List recalls the Czechoslovakian crisis, for it was Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin who accompanied Lord Runciman to Prague during the efforts at negotiations. He was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford, and entered the Consular Service in the Far East in 1913. He became First Secretary of the Foreign Office in 1930 and was attached to the Suite of the Crown Prince of Japan during the latter's visit in 1932. Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin has been Counsellor at the Foreign Office since 1934.

WILLIAM STRANG, Chief of the Central Department of the Foreign Office, is another of Britain's brilliant diplomats whose name is included in the Honours list as a result of the September crisis. He accompanied Mr. Chamberlain to Germany on the four famous peace flights. Mr. Strang was educated at Palmer's School, Grays, Essex, at the University College, London, and at Paris University. In the War, he served with the Worcestershire Regiment and the H.Q. of the 29th Legion in France. His most notable work in the diplomatic service, which he joined in 1910, was in Russia where he conducted affairs with such ability that he became noted as one of Britain's cleverest young diplomats. In 1934, he accompanied Sir John Simon and Mr. Anthony Eden on their diplomatic tour of the capitals of Europe and was present at the interview between Chamberlain and Hitler last September, drawing up the official report on their conversation.

K.C.M.G.

BASIL NEWTON, Envoy Extraordinary to Czechoslovakia since 1937, was also prominent during the September crisis. Much of his career in the diplomatic service has been spent in China, where he was from 1925 to 1929. He was Counsellor at the German Embassy in 1930-35 and Minister there until 1937. He was educated at Wellington and King's College, Cambridge.

CAPTAIN GEORGE GRAVES, as Director of the Empire and Foreign Services of the B.B.C., has been responsible for the great expansion of Empire programmes from Davenry. He is the son of the late Charles L. Graves of "Punch" fame. During the War, he went to France with the Royal Scots and was taken

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suffering men and by physicians throughout the world. For instance, Dr. James Hartell, widely-known urologist and physician, recently stated: "Vision gland power diminishes it in my observation that the one of the entire body declines. The memory suffers and energy and vitality are lowered, and there is a marked slowing down in all the body processes and functions. Many scientists are of the opinion that the true secret of youthful vigour and vitality lies in the glands, based on my years of experience, study, and practice. It is my opinion that the medical formula known as Vi-Tabs represents the most modern and scientific internal treatment of rejuvenating and invigorating the glands and thus tends to restore youthful vigour and vitality to the body."

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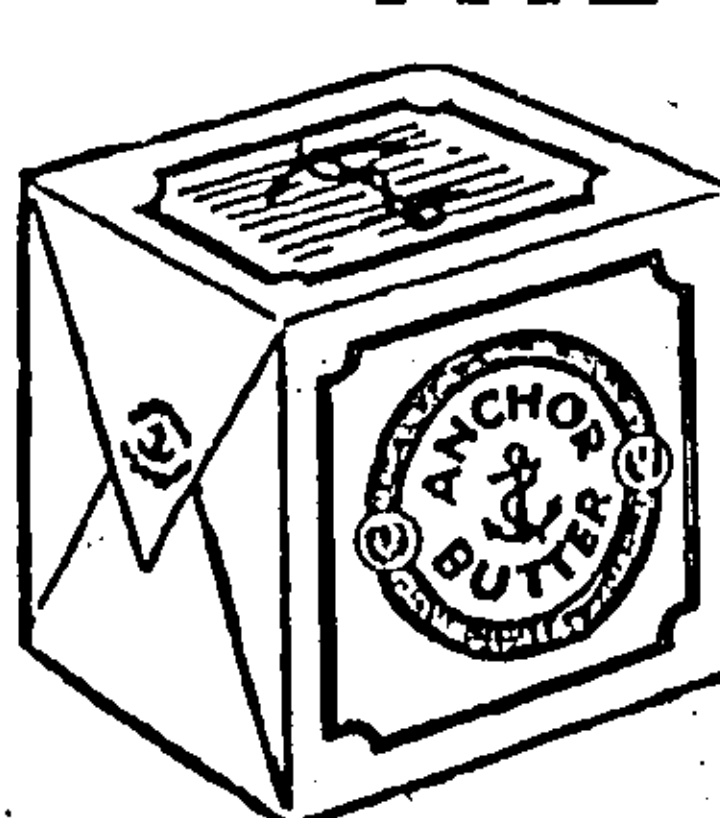
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SPANISH WAR TO END THIS YEAR DECLARES FRANCO IN INTERVIEW

London Workless In New Year's Eve Clashes With Police

LONDON, Jan. 1.

CLASHES between unemployed and mounted police occurred in the West End of London on New Year's Eve, when members of the National Unemployed League, marching from Piccadilly Circus to Trafalgar Square, carrying a black-painted coffin with the inscription: "He died for want of help".

They were informed that they would not be admitted to Trafalgar Square. This announcement was received with a loud protest by the demonstrators, who attempted to force their way into the Square. This gave rise to the first clash, the police charging the demonstrators and dispersing them.

The unemployed, however, attempted to form a new procession at Piccadilly Circus, which was again dispersed by the police.

The first clash occurred shortly after midnight, and complete order was restored in the West End early on Sunday morning.—*Trans-Ocean.*

General Hata Said To Be Relieved Of Command

Shanghai, Jan. 2.

It is authoritatively learned that General Hata, who succeeded General Matsui in February 1938, and who was the "capturer of Hankow," is to be replaced.

CHINESE SONGBIRDS

War Reduces Shipment To Australia

A proof that nothing in China can escape the influence of the war was provided when the E. & A. steamer *Hankin* sailed for Australia on Saturday morning. Whereas the crew usually carry thousands of small Chinese songbirds for sale in Australia, there were only 270 birds aboard for the present trip. Broken services and disturbed conditions due to the war in and about Can-

ton have checked the flow of trapped birds into Hongkong.

The 270 birds, consisting of 40 blackhead nuns, 30 whitehead nuns, and 150 nutmegs, take up little room, but defy concealment. They occupy two small cages, but the whole forepart of the ship is their auditorium.

New Machinery For American Munitions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. THE United States army has decided to spend \$33,500,000 to purchase special machinery to manufacture munitions, according to Major-General Wesson, Chief of the Ordnance Department, writing in the semi-official publication the "Army Ordnance."

He says that the machinery will be installed in a group of new inland shell-loading and powder-making factories to be held for use in an emergency.—*Reuter.*

Big Social Programme For British Statesmen

Rome, Jan. 1.

The programme for the visit of Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax has been issued as follows: They will arrive by train in the afternoon of January 11, and will drive to the Villa Madama, where they will stay during their visit. Then they will go to the Quirinal Palace to sign the guest book, and then to the Palazzo Venezia to see Il Duce.

A dinner and reception will be held in the evening at the Palazzo Venezia.

On January 12 they will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, will visit the Pantheon and will lunch at the Quirinal Palace with the King of Italy. They will view a gymnastic display in the afternoon and attend a gala performance at the Opera in the evening, followed by supper with Count Ciano.

On January 13 they will probably visit the Vatican in the morning, and afterwards lunch with the British Minister at the Holy See. In the afternoon they will visit a minerals exhibition, and will later attend a reception at the Governor of Rome's palace. They will attend a dinner and reception at the British Embassy in the evening, and will leave Rome at midday on January 14.—*Reuter.*

Reveals Plans For The Reconstruction Of The New Spain

AIMS TO BECOME LEADER OF ALL THE SPANIARDS

SAN SEBASTIAN, Jan. 1.

INSURGENT Spain will achieve ultimate victory this year, declared General Franco in an interview with the well-known Spanish publicist, Sen. Manuel Azaña, published in the "Diario Vasco" to-day.

Victory which will put an end to the civil war is approaching with gigantic strides, he said, and in support of his contention, he pointed to the unexpectedly rapid progress made by his forces in their offensive against Catalonia.

In paying special tribute to the fighting qualities of the insurgent Spanish soldiers and officers, he expressed the hope that the new Spain would become a pronounced military nation, possessing an army second to none.

Another thing which the war had shown was that Spain is capable of achieving independence in the domain of production of armaments. In future, its armament industries would undergo far-reaching expansion.

RECONSTRUCTION PLANS

General Franco then proceeded to disclose his plans for carrying out the work of reconstruction in resurgent Spain. Ultimate victory in the civil war was not, he insisted, an end in itself. It was his intention when the war was over, to have recourse to persuasion in order to get all Spaniards, regardless as to whether they fought under the insurgent or Loyalist flag to join hands in building up a new Spain on a basis of social justice. His special care would be dedicated to the work of improving the lot of the indigent sections of the population, with a view to raising the general standard of existence in Spain.

The first steps had already been taken in this direction. In the near future, Spain would possess 200,000 workers' dwelling houses. National health and hygiene would occupy a prominent place in the Government's programme.

Even during the war, the number of beds in the sanatoriums for the treatment of tubercular diseases had been increased by 2,000 to 8,000, and would eventually be raised to 35,000.

The work of national integration, General Franco went on to say, would be carried out in an atmosphere of domestic peace, virile work, and economic and cultural stability.

WANTS ALL TO ASSIST

The problem of prisoners of war would not present any difficulty as the new Spain was firmly resolved to enlist the help of all who were willing to do their part. Professional criminals and responsible Loyalist leaders would alone be excluded from the new national fellowship, he declared.

Workshops erected in the prison camps would provide prisoners with an opportunity to find their way back into the national community. A supreme tribunal would be set up at the end of the war, and would re-examine all sentences passed by the military courts, and in this way will ensure the rule of justice in new Spain.

He could not imagine a better reward for his labours than to win over to his side those who had been his enemies, provided their condition was sincere. This applied even to those Loyalists who had fled the country. Turning to foreign policy, General Franco emphasised the importance of Spain as a Mediterranean Power.

"There are three things which would induce me to rally and mobilise the Spanish people," he declared. "First, in order to defend the Christian doctrine, secondly, in the event of a threat of foreign invasion, thirdly in the event of anybody seeking to allocate to Spain a servile role in the Mediterranean."

MUST BE RECOGNISED AS MEDITERRANEAN POWER

"There would have to be no mention of the Mediterranean without mentioning Spain, which would, in future, not recognise any of the Mediterranean agreements which had been concluded without Spanish participation."

In conclusion, General Franco stressed the importance of a bond of unity existing between Spain and Portugal, as they were two nations striving for the same ideal. A pronouncement on the principles governing the attitude of Spain towards Latin America would be forthcoming in the near future. The ties with Spanish Morocco were indestructible, and would lead, at the conclusion of the war, to a new period of prosperity in Morocco.

Plans had already been drawn up for the founding of a University of Oriental studies in Cordova.

General Franco wound up the inter-

Danger Seen In Germany's Demand For Submarines

PARIS, Jan. 1.

GERMANY'S claim for submarine partly with Britain is widely commented upon in the press, and the general opinion is that it is Germany's intention to help Italy by building submarines which can be sent to the Mediterranean more easily than surface craft.

The view is also expressed that submarines will be used to break any future blockade and to hamper British shipping.

The "Figaro" says that Germany is building a large number of small submarines which can hide in the North Sea and English Channel, whereas other naval powers are building large submarines.

The newspapers generally take the view that the German move will arouse British opinion to the danger of a possible threat to British supremacy.

The "Journé Industrielle" thinks that the result will be to turn the British more against dictatorships which will not suit Italy at the moment she is hoping to use Mr. Chamberlain's visit to obtain concessions from France, and the paper asks whether Herr Hitler intended to torpedo the Italian plan in advance.—*Reuter.*

FOUR PEERS IN NEW YEAR HONOURS

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prisoner at Le Cateau about three weeks later. When the Allies issued a threat to deal drastically with commanders of submarines who sank unarmed merchant vessels and left their crews to drown, the Germans retaliated by placing 29 captured officers in solitary confinement for three months. The officers selected were those who had distinguished relatives and Graves was included because he was a nephew of the late Viscount Grey. He remained in captivity until the War ended.

He joined the B.B.C. in 1925, became Empire Services Director in 1933.

He has planned nearly all the Empire programmes from Danvers. SIR HARRY LUKE, the Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, entered the Colonial Service as Private Secretary to the Governor of Sierra Leone in 1908. He was promoted to be Colonial Secretary in Sierra Leone in 1924 and became Governor of Malta in 1930. Next year he was knighted. He was at Malta during difficult times, especially during the Abyssinian crisis.

O.B.E.

CAPTAIN A. S. WILCOCKSON, was the pilot of the Mayo composite aircraft plane Mercury—the upper half of the famous composite plane—on the record flight across the Atlantic and to South Africa. He became a pioneer pilot in commercial air services across the Atlantic after being a Cavalry officer (3rd Hussars) in the Great War. He has made several record flights.

NEW DOCTORS

The following names have been added to the colony's register of medical practitioners:—Dr. Leong Kam-leng, graduate of Hongkong University, and Dr. Yu Lung-wong, (China Medical College).

view by expressing his desire and intention to become leader of all the Spaniards, and to liberate Spain once and for all from the heresies of Soviet Communism.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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H.K. Stock Market

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BANKS	
H.K. Bank, Ltd.	1400 s.
H.K. Bank, Ltd.	88 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	9 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	27 1/4 n.
Mercantile, C.	13 n.
East Asia	88 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	210 b.
Union	478 b.
China Underwriters	70 s.
H.K. Fire	178 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	03 1/2 s.
Steamboats	18 s.
Indo-China	55 n.
Indo-China, D.	24 n.
Shell Bearers	82 1/2 n.
Waterboats	0 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	117 1/2 s.
Docks (old)	18 s.
Docks (new)	18 s.
Provident (old)	640 b.
Provident (new)	520 b.
New Eng. Sh.	560 n.
Sh. Dock, Sh.	100 n.
MINING	
Kallan s/-	17 1/8 n.
Raub	53 s.
Yanz Goldfield	7 1/2 cts. n.
Antamoks Ps.	55 sa.
Atoka Ps.	26 1/2 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps.	23 1/2 sa.
Benguet Con. Ps.	14.20 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	51 sa.
Con. Mines Ps.	503 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	65 sa.
L.X.L. Ps.	13 sa.
Gumaua Ps.	13 sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	178 sa.
Suyoc Consol Ps.	19 1/2 sa.
Paracales Ps.	62 sa.
LANDS	
Hotels	7 s.
Lands	26 1/2 b.
Lands & deb.	107 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	0.70 n.
Humphreys	0.9 n.
H.K. Realities	5.35 n.
Chinese Estates	90 n.
UTILITIES	
Tram	17.80 s.
Peak Trams (old)	50 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	33 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	71 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old)	22 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (new)	22 1/2 n.
China Light	0.50 b.
China Light Rights	3.70 s.
H.K. Electric	50 s.
Macao Electric	17 b.
Sandakan Lights	10 b.
Telephone (old)	23 1/2 b.
Telephone (new)	58.00 b.
Tractions	21 1/2 b.
Singapore Pref.	23 1/2 n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh.	\$14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.), Sh.	\$13 n.
Canton Ices	\$1.70 n.
Cements	16 1/2 s.
Ropes	4 b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	24 b.

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All are welcomed.

Quaint Typewriter Shown

A Blickenderfer Model 6, similar to the typewriter upon which Mark Twain wrote the first typed manuscript ever submitted to an editor, was displayed here. Developed in the latter part of the 19th century, its letters and characters were arranged on a revolving drum and were inked by a wick-like cloth before they came into contact with the paper.

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Lane Crawfords \$.....8.10 n.
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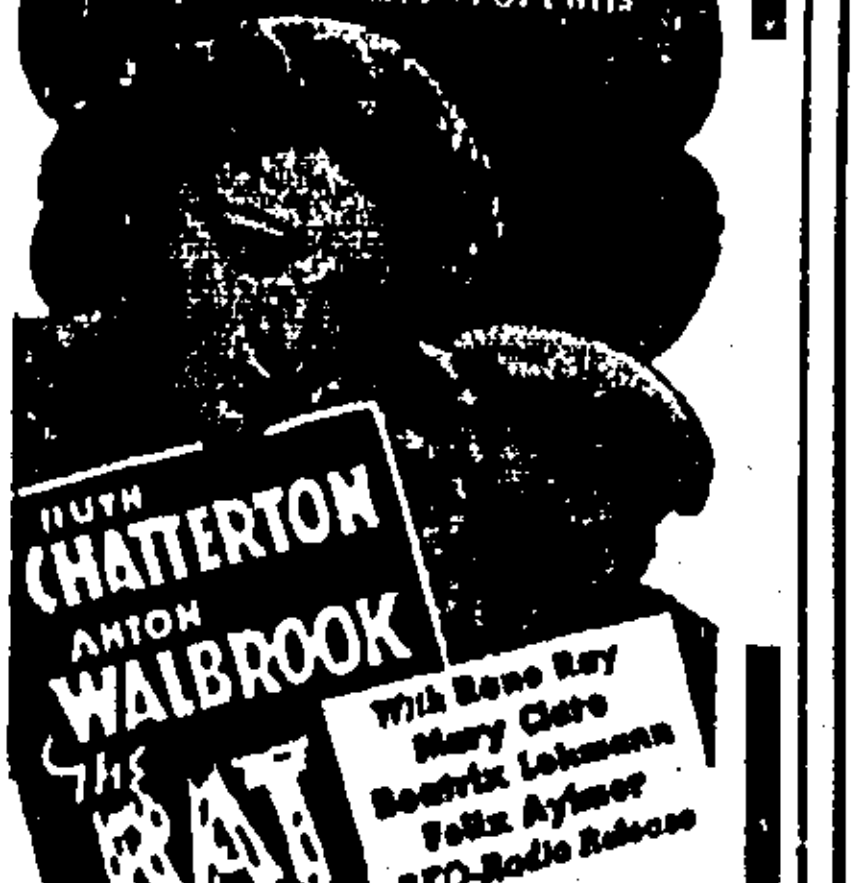
The following quotations were received after the close of the morning session through Reuters:

	Business Done	Prices in Pesos
Dec. 29, Jan. 3.		
Atamok	55	32
Atok	23 1/2	27
Baguio Gold	23 1/2	23 1/2
Benguet Cons.	14.20	14.20
Coco Grove	51	51
Consolidated Mines	603	503
Demonstration	Unq.	Unq.
L.X.L.	13	13
Paracale Gumaua	13	13
San Mauricio	178	178
Suyoc	19 1/2	19 1/2
United parcels	62	62

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila market held a quiet session with stocks generally up or unchanged. However, Antamok lost 3 centavos. Benguet Consolidated gained 10 centavos while Atok, San Mauricio and United Paracale gained 1/2, 2 and 4 centavos respectively.

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— THURSDAY —
QUEEN'S

Hitler Feted By Villagers On New Year's Eve

German Press Promises New Demands

Berlin, Jan. 1.

HERR HITLER'S New Year was heralded with the customary firing, in front of his Berchtesgaden home at midnight, of a miniature cannon dragged up the mountain by villagers, dressed in Bavarian national costume, who sang national anthems.

Herr Hitler shook hands with them all and wished them a Happy New Year. Reviewing the outlook for the New Year, the "Lokalan Zeiger" says: "We do not know what will come this year. We still have demands to make, as for example, colonies." The "Allgemeine Zeitung" says that America is guilty, not only of an unfriendly act against Germany, but of an attack on Europe's national consciousness.—Reuter.

INDIAN IS REBUKED

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a year before the debtor was adjudged bankrupt.

"Between 1914 and 1926 the debtor had been sole proprietor of a business known as the Victoria Printing Press which, I am satisfied, was up to 1935 in an increasingly sound and flourishing condition.

"In 1931 the moneylending transaction which was the origin of the present claim took place. In that month Kartar Singh, who was and is a registered moneylender, lent the sum of \$1,300 to one A. E. Hall (since deceased), the debtor's brother-in-law, on the security of several promissory notes to the face value of \$2,000 which were signed by Mr. Hall, the debtor and another. The interest charged was never less than three per cent. per month on the amount actually advanced and at the beginning was considerably higher.

"The loan ran on for 4 1/2 years during which Kartar Singh received various payments by way of interest or otherwise totalling (as he himself admits) \$2,300, and a further sum of \$300 was paid by the debtor by instalments in respect of the judgment debts. Thus, by October, 1935, when the original debt became merged in judgment debts, Kartar Singh had received from the debtor a sum of just over \$1,000 more than the amount of the loan; in other words he had got back his capital with interest thereon amounting to about 18 per cent. per annum.

"In my view it is harsh and unconscionable in Kartar Singh to attempt to squeeze this debtor any drier and I therefore direct the Trustee to reject his proof."

His Lordship directed that costs be allowed in respect of Mr. J. Hennessy, Seth, of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, for coming to Court in connection with the application.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared for Kartar Singh.

"Bugle Calls" From Elk

Lawton, Okla.
The "bugle calls" reported by visitors at the Wichita Mountains Wild Life Refuge come not from brass but from the throats of bull elk, refuge officials have advised.

Frosh Is Senior

Evanson, Ill.
At North-western University, a frosh may be either a junior or a senior. Stanley Frosh, from Denver, is a junior; his brother, Alvin Frosh, is a senior.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	19. 2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	172 Nom.
T.T. Singapore	53 1/2
T.T. Japan	106 3/4
T.T. India	83
T.T. U.S.A.	28 1/4
T.T. Manila	57 1/2
T.T. Batavia	53 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	10.90
T.T. Germany	7 1/4
T.T. Switzerland	12 1/4
T.T. Australia	170 1/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/c London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/c do.	1/8 3/4
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	25 1/4
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	84 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.64 1/2

Big Day For Grandfather

Breckenridge, Tex.
W. H. Vick, Stephens county farmer, became a grandfather twice in one day, and the grandsons were not twins. His son, Floyd, was father of a 7 1/2-pound boy. Another son, John, was father of a 6-pound boy.

Important Air Ministry Promotions

LONDON, Jan. 1.

Promotions announced by the Air Ministry to-day include that of Air Vice-Marshal C. L. Courtney to Air Marshal, and Air Commodore Hallam Peck and Philip Babington to Air Vice-Marshals.

Vice-Marshal Hallam Peck is senior Air Staff Officer of the R.A.F. headquarters in India, and Vice-Marshal Babington is in the Air Ministry.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S REPLY TO NAZI NAVAL THREAT

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France when the Munich agreement was signed, according to statistics compiled by United States War Department experts.

It is understood that the statistics are given credence by high Government circles.

The experts assert that Germany in November turned out over 1,000 warplanes, while Britain's monthly output for the year was 240, and though this rate will be doubled during the present year, it is still only half of Germany's.

The United States average monthly output is given at 350, and the French at far less than Italy's.

The statement adds that Germany is employing 400,000 skilled workers in the aircraft industry, compared with the United States' 30,000.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN WARPLANES

Melbourne, Jan. 1.

The first Australian-built warplane is expected from the Commonwealth Corporation's factory at Fishersland this month.

When tests are completed, similar planes will be delivered rapidly in order that 100 machines may be completed by the end of the year.

The factory is designed for a possible delivery of nearly one plane each working day, together with other expansion if required.

The new plane will replace the Hawker Demons as fighters, with a top-speed of 230 miles per hour, which is considerably faster than other Royal Australian Air Force planes.—Reuter.

"Pin-Money Models Must Go"

IN the Mayfair dress salons and the big London stores sharp on 545 one night recently 150 mannequins reached for their hats and coats and hurried off to hold the first general meeting of their newly formed trade union.

Elegant in silver fox capes and every example of the quiet little hats of the moment they crowded into a private room at Verrey's Restaurant, Regent-street, W.

At a long table sat their new president, Miss Susan Grey, one of the best-known dress-show commentators.

By her side was Mr. H. Scott, chairman of the Wholesalers' Association, honorary trustee of the organisation, officially named the British Mannequins' and Photographic Models Association.

Another of the six men there was tall, dark Mr. Alexander Colledge, general secretary of the association. The committee members were blonde and beautiful "Gloria," Della Della-haye, and Sylvia Cowan, all celebrated mannequins.

TOO PRECARIOUS

A black list of cut-price employers, a subsidised wage scale, insurance against illness were the chief objects planned.

Miss Karel Savoury made an appeal for a colleague, Anne Becken, who will have to spend six months in a sanatorium. Her colleagues subscribed nearly £10 for her.

Several members spoke to me about their "too-precious profession." "Asia," Austrian-born, naturalised English model said: "Pin-money models are our worst enemies. Society girls who take jobs for fun. They must go."

Said "Gloria," mannequin for 12 years: "We have been nobody's children for long. We've had no protection from bad employers, no one to back us in disputes."

Air Liner Forced Down Near Cherbourg

CHERBOURG, Jan. 1.

THE Imperial Airways flyingboat, Calypso, carrying passengers and mails from South Africa, moored off here this morning following a forced descent in the Channel, 40 miles from Cherbourg.

The flyingboat was towed here through heavy seas by a Swedish tanker.

The two passengers were landed, but the crew has remained aboard the flyingboat. The mails are understood to be all safe.—Reuter.

EMPIRE NEWS

The largest single loan transaction to be handled by New Zealand's Socialist Government must be undertaken next year, when £17,172,101 of the Dominion's debt will mature in London.

During the next 10 years approximately £100,000,000 of New Zealand's debt will mature in London, while about £43,000,000 of public debt will fall due in the Dominion itself.

The amount maturing next financial year is redeemable at par on Jan. 1, 1940. The loan bears interest at 3 1/2 per cent.

It is understood that Mr. Savage, the Prime Minister, is considering sending Mr. Nash or another Minister to London next year to transact loan negotiations.

The general impression is that the redemption of such a sum as £17,000,000 is impossible, and it is presumed that the Government will seek a conversion of the loan.

SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONALIST PRESS AGITATION

Johannesburg.
With the approach of the Fortrek centenary celebrations, fears of disturbances, particularly anti-Jewish demonstrations, are growing among the public. At Benoni, where the Blackshirt movement is very strong, a citizens' guard of 1,000 men has been formed with official approval. The Nationalist Press continues to whip up Afrikaans-speaking sentiment, publishing accounts of alleged assaults on white girls wearing Voortrekker costumes.

The Government, however, is taking drastic steps to prevent incidents. The police force on the Rand and at Pretoria has been greatly strengthened.

INDIA

BOY DEFENDERS OF LUCKNOW

Calcutta.
The Indian Mutiny was recalled when La Martiniere College, Lucknow, celebrated the anniversary of the final relief of the Residency of Lucknow.

Major-Gen. Nicholson, G.O.C., Lucknow, presiding, said that La Martiniere College had the unique distinction among schools of having earned battle honours by its defence in 1857 of the position in the Lucknow Residency known ever since as La Martiniere Post.

In recognition of that heroic defence by the boys and staff the college is permitted to carry on ceremonial occasions a flag emblazoned with its coat of arms and the battle honour, "Defence of Lucknow, 1857," beneath an embroidered design of the Residency.

King Will Visit "Black Areas"

EARLY in the New Year the King and Queen will tour Britain's "Black Areas."

They intend to see for themselves the conditions under which thousands of people live in these districts.

In February, the King and Queen will visit the North-East Coast, their visit coinciding with the launch of H.M.S. King George V at Newcastle.

Later they will go to South Wales, and most likely to Lancashire and the Midlands.

This decision to tour the Distressed Areas has been reached as a result of consultations between Buckingham Palace and various responsible Ministers.

German High Treason Trial On Wednesday

Berlin, Jan. 2.

Accused of having plotted high treason, the German author, Ernst Nieckisch and two accomplices will be tried before the People's Tribunal here on Tuesday.

Nieckisch is accused of having worked against the National-Socialist State and its political and economic policies by writing and circulating denunciatory pamphlets, and it is also alleged that he circulated illegal writings, defaming the German Chancellor and various Reich Ministers.

Nieckisch was formerly a school teacher and was one of the leading personages in the attempt to set up a Communist State in Bavaria, following the war. At that time he was condemned for high treason against the State.

He belonged to Left-Wing radical circles, and in 1926 founded the extremist periodical "Widerstand"—Trans-Ocean.

Kwangsi Holds Out Despite Air Attacks

Kweilin, January 2.

A lengthy report on Kwangsi's administrative affairs during the past year has been issued by General Huang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the province.

Referring to repeated Japanese air raids in Kwangsi, General Huang declared that these could only bring about material destruction, but failed to break the will of the Kwangsi people to continue resistance.

He estimated that more than 40 air raids have been staged by the Japanese air force over a wide area in the province, covering the cities of Kweilin, Wuchow, Lichow, Kweiping, Nanning, Wuming, Lungshan, Palashih, Hwaichih, Hsien, Pinglo, Yuchling and Chaoping.

He predicted that the Japanese will carry out more vigorous air attacks in the province in the future.—Central News.

B.B.C. Studios 54 Feet Below

BROADCASTING will take place 54 feet below London when the B.B.C.'s new Radio City is completed in 1940.

Excavation is bringing immediately on an addition to Broadcasting House which will cover nearly 21,000 square feet—an area larger than the present building.

The complete Radio City will extend over some 38,000 square feet. Houses adjoining Broadcasting House in Portland Place have been demolished and excavators are now starting to remove 100,000 cubic yards of earth for the new building.

When the building is completed there will be five underground studios, each constructed as a separate shell, "floated" and isolated from the building itself.

DRAMATIC STUDIOS

One of these studios will be 80 feet long, 54 feet high and 30 feet wide. In addition there will be three dramatic studios, an "effects" studio, and numerous rehearsal rooms.

Above ground the space will be devoted chiefly to offices. The structure will rise approximately 110 feet and will include a control room, a staff room and on the top floor, a restaurant.

The architectural design will conform to the present Broadcasting House and one of the two existing masts will be moved to surmount a new main entrance in Portland Place. It is believed there will be a special studio for television talks.

DUKE HOME IN MARCH

THE Duke and Duchess of Windsor are stated to have told friends in Paris that they plan to go to England in March.

Friends state the Duke has received an invitation to visit England since his meeting with Mr. Chamberlain, who told him there was no political impediment to his return whenever he desired.

The question of the Duchess's status is still not settled.

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NEW POLITICAL GROUP IN BRITAIN

Faction is Dissatisfied with Present Foreign Policy

HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT TRY TO USURP MR. CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, Jan. 2. THE founding of a new British political group is imminent, it was stated here to-day, the new faction being described as a composite organisation of those politicians who are dissatisfied with the present state of British re-armament, and the principles of British foreign policy.

It is stated that the new group will have the support of numerous members of Parliament, and that a formal inaugural meeting will be held on Wednesday.

The founders do not intend to pursue an anti-Chamberlain course, but plan to bring about a revision of the Cabinet so that it will be organised on a broader basis.

Whether this development bears any connection with the recently discussed plans of Mr. Anthony Eden to form a "Party of the Centre" is not known, but many observers believe that Mr. Eden has nothing to do with the new group.—Trans-Ocean.

BEISHA'S POSITION NOT THREATENED

LONDON, Jan. 2. The assumption that the position of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the Secretary for War, in the British Cabinet was shaky, is regarded as being contradicted by the fact that during his stay in Paris, Mr. Hore-Belisha conducted important conferences with M. Daladier, M. Bonnet and General Gamelin and Georges.

It is regarded as highly unlikely that a Cabinet member, whose position was insecure, would have been authorised to engage in such important conferences.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER DENIES RUMOURS

LONDON, Jan. 2. Rumours that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, during his holiday stay at Lord Swinton's country seat in Yorkshire, met Mr. Anthony Eden and Viscount Halifax, was denied to-day by Mr. Chamberlain himself. He declared that he will have ample opportunity to discuss a number of political questions with Viscount Halifax later. Neither the visit to Lord Swinton, nor the acceptance of an invitation by Lord Iveagh, where Mr. Chamberlain was due to-day, have any political significance.—Trans-Ocean.

SHELAEFF INQUEST

Accidental Death Found By Coroner

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30. A Coroner's inquest to-day found that Andre Shelaeff's death was accidental, resulting from blows administered by Salvatore in a boxing match conducted under the rules and observation of the California Boxing Commission.

It was also found that Shelaeff was suffering from the initial stages of lobar pneumonia which could have influenced his physical condition to the extent of making him less able to properly defend himself against the powerful blows of his opponent. As a result of the Coroner's finding, the charge against Salvatore for the manslaughter of Shelaeff has been dismissed by Mr. Herbert Kaufman, the Municipal Judge.—United Press.

Only 19 years of age, Shelaeff died in San Francisco on December 12 following a fight with George Salvatore, which he lost. He fell unconscious under a cold shower in his dressing room and was taken to hospital.

One of the greatest products of the Shanghai ring, Shelaeff beat every welterweight in that city before he went to the Philippines and won the title of the welterweight champion of the Orient. He went to the United States several months ago.

Nursery For Egyptian Princess

CAIRO. EIGHTEEN - YEAR - OLD QUEEN FARIDA OF Egypt and the baby Princess Ferial, born recently at the Montaza Palace, Alexandria, will soon move to Cairo, where a nursery on the most modern Western lines has been prepared at the Abdin Palace.

The nursery has been decorated by an Egyptian painter with Nile animal pictures and scenes from Egyptian fairy tales, which the young King and Queen, with the memory of their

Visas For Refugees Not Necessary

LONDON, Jan. 2. Reports that as from yesterday visas became necessary for travellers from Czechoslovakia visiting Great Britain and vice-versa are inaccurate. With a view to the control of refugees arriving at British ports seeking admission to Great Britain, and in order to obviate unnecessary disappointments in the interests of the refugees themselves, the British Government has thought it necessary to denounce the 1930 agreement with Czechoslovakia, abolishing visa requirements, but denunciation does not become effective until April 1, next.—British Wireless.

Campaign Against Road Accidents

LONDON, Jan. 2. As part of a campaign to reduce the toll of life and limb in road accidents, police motor patrols began to-day to carry a device for testing the brakes of cars on the road. In cases where they have reason to think the brakes on any car are not properly efficient, they will make a test, and if the "Decelerometer" confirms the inadequacy of the braking effect, the motorist will be put under notice to have the defects remedied.—British Wireless.

Hockey

Final Of Small Units Competition

The final of the Small Units Hockey Knockout Championship between Headquarter Wing and "C" Company of the Rajputana Rifles was played at Sookumpoo on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the former by five goals to nil.

Although the game appeared to be rather one-sided from the result, it was in fact interesting and play was of a high standard. Prominent for the winners were Pritam Nath and Indarjit Singh, while R. Singh was outstanding for the losers.

The winners opened the scoring shortly after the start, through Indarjit Singh and a few minutes later Gopal Khan put them further ahead. Just before the interval, Pritam Nath increased the lead from a "penalty" bully.

After the interval further goals were added by Pritam Nath and Indarjit Singh.

At the conclusion of the game, Col. N.M.S. Irwin presented the trophy.

FANCY DRESS MATCH

An amusing game of hockey was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators at the Y.M.C.A. grounds on Saturday, when the "v" members turned out in fancy dress, supported by lady members.

Most of the hockey rules were ignored, the umpires, Messrs. R. Henderson and W. Simpson, dressed up as the Ugly Sisters, allowing the players at times to convert the game into a soccer or rugby match.

INTERNATIONAL GAME. An intra-club match between teams representing England and Scotland was played by the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Club at Happy Valley on Saturday. Although they played with only ten players, England won by four goals, after leading by two at the interval.

The scorers were Miss M. Smalley (2), Miss R. Smalley and Mrs. Waddell.

own childhood still fresh, think should prove amusing and instructive to their baby.

Miss Jane Sergeant, British matron of Cairo's chief Government hospital, is still at Montaza, the King's seaside palace, seeing that all is of the best and most efficient.



British military officers deliberate in the British sector of the Shanghai International Settlement, where British troops still control that particular area. On the left is Major-General Telfer-Smollet, the Commanding Officer, who this year leaves Shanghai to take up another important office.

Japanese Lodge A Protest With The U. S. Authorities

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2. THE JAPANESE authorities have lodged a protest with the United States authorities against the activities of the American-owned, Globe Wireless Company, which is sending telegrams particularly to America, without either a Japanese or Chinese licence for operating a commercial wireless station.

The apparatus of the Globe Wireless Company formerly belonged to the Dollar Steamship Company, and was used for communicating with the Dollar liners.

For several months however, the station has been operating independently, accepting telegrams for transmission against payment, and without the Japanese consular, the latter factor inducing many firms and news agencies to use this means of transmitting messages without hindrance or delay.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. PROTEST TO TOKYO

LONDON, Jan. 2. The United States protest note to Tokyo is welcomed here, well-informed circles stressing that the British Government was warned beforehand by Washington of the contents of the note, but at the same time the United States Government was given to understand that Downing Street did not desire to take a similar step, at the present moment. The opinion prevails here that the British Government is anxious to avoid anything susceptible of disturbing the conversation now going on between the Japanese Foreign Minister and the British Ambassador. The Japanese Government it is added, is fully aware of England's attitude in the question of the "Open Door," and towards the "new order of things" planned by Japan in the East. The views held by the British Government in these matters were entirely identical with those of the United States Government.—Trans-Ocean.

FOREIGN SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

Wang Chung-Hui Sees Hope For Future

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2. The world's leading Powers, Britain, the United States, France and Russia, are all sympathetic to China's war of resistance, says Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister for Foreign Affairs in a special article reviewing the past year's international developments.

Mr. Wang Chung-hui specially mentions the representations made to Japan in November by Britain, France and the United States for the re-opening of the Yangtze for free navigation, and also the financial credits to China in December from Britain and America.

Furthermore he draws attention to Russia's "firm stand" in the fishery negotiations with Japan, and contents that the four Powers, while acting separately, are "actually working towards a common aim."—Reuter.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN FOR DRY DOCK

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan will berth at Kowloon at 7.30 a.m. to-morrow. She will go into dry-dock for annual overhaul 90 minutes later, after discharging passengers.

Terrorists Again In Jerusalem

Palestine Arabs Reject Truce Proposals

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. FOLLOWING reports that the old city of Jerusalem was again occupied by a number of terrorists, the military authorities carried out searches in certain quarters to-day, but these were officially described as "routine."

The police post was also re-established inside the Omar Mosque area.

Fakhr Ibyeh Nashashibi, action leader of the Palestine Arab National Defence Party told "Reuter" that he had sent a petition to the Arab Kings and princes urging them to despatch a Moslem Commission to Palestine to ascertain the extent of distress caused by the campaign of terrorism in the past three years. In asking for the Commission, Fakhr Ibyeh states that he is complying with a request from Moslem orphans and widows.

Fakhr Ibyeh has been labelled as "Enemy No. 1" by the Arab terrorist chieftains because he organised a movement of protest against their activities.—Reuter Special.

TRUCE REJECTED

LONDON, Jan. 2. A "Trans-Ocean" representative learned to-night that the proposals submitted by English intermediaries in Cairo to Palestine Arabs to agree to a truce while the London round-table conference meets, has been unanimously rejected by the Arab volunteers, who fear that London will use this time for organizing new defence measures in Palestine.—Trans-Ocean.

DEATH SENTENCES FULFILLED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. Forty-four out of 60 death sentences passed in Palestine by the British military courts in the second half of 1938 were confirmed by the Commander-in-Chief, and have as a result become effective, says the "Palestine Post."

Thirty-nine of those sentenced to death were executed, and 21 death sentences were commuted to life terms.—Trans-Ocean.

"Scotch Whisky" Made In Japan

The efforts of the Japanese to imitate Scotch whisky—even to the length of naming a Japanese town "Aberdeen"—and calling the Japanese-made spirit after it—were mentioned at Glasgow Sheriff Court recently. Messrs. Henderson and Turnbull, a Glasgow firm, were charged with supplying the false trade description "Scotch Whisky" to each of 300 bottles of a blend containing 33 per cent Scotch malt whisky and 67 per cent Irish grain whisky. The firm has pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Hastie, a director of White Horse Distillers, described visits of Japanese to the North of Scotland when he was there engaged on research.

Richard Francis Nicholson, chairman and managing director of J. and W. Nicholson and Co., Ltd., distillers and rectifiers, Bromley and Clerkenwell, London, said he had been in the thick of the controversy as to what was Scotch whisky and what was Irish whisky from an early date in his career.

Mr. Patrick, J.C., defending: Can you tell us whether in the past English grain spirit—that is, grain spirit distilled in England—has gone to Scotland to be blended with Scotch malt?—in large quantities.

Over what period of time had that been going on to your knowledge?—I have been in the business for over 51 years, and it has been going on all that time and it happened before that.

Mr. Nicholson said his firm had never throughout its long history made any secret of the fact that it blended English grain or Scotch grain or Irish grain with Scotch malt in order to produce blended Scotch whisky.

In the controversy in the trade he had been one of the leading protagonists of the contention that it was entirely correct to do so. No attempt had been made, in spite of his publication of these facts, to accuse him of false trade description. The court adjourned.

1939 MORE TRANQUIL, SAYS CHAMBERLAIN. LONDON, Jan. 2. At the conclusion of his Yorkshire holiday today, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in a brief statement to the press, said that he thought "1939 would be a more tranquil year than 1938."—Reuter.

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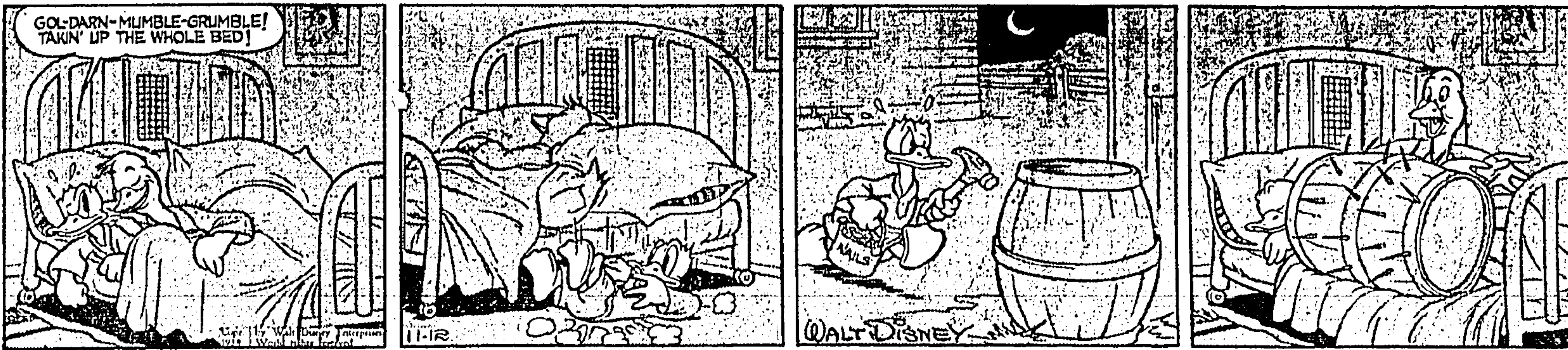
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Budget Estimates Meet With Severe Obstruction

DALADIER'S VISIT TO CORSICA THREATENED

PARIS, Jan. 1.

In a special session this morning, the French Chamber passed the third reading of the budget estimates for 1939 by 372 votes to 229, following persistent attempts by the Socialist and Communist opposition at obstruction, directed chiefly at the French Premier, who at one part of the debate, found himself obliged to declare that he would put off his journey to Tunis until the Chamber had passed the budget.

Even so, owing to the tactics of the Left-Wing opposition, Premier Daladier had to defer his departure from Paris until mid-day. It had been his original intention to leave at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The trouble started when, in accordance with Parliamentary procedure the budget estimates were submitted for final examination to the Chamber's Finance Committee on Saturday evening. The Communist Deputies adopted the tactics of delivering endless speeches so that the deliberations lasted all night, and were still in progress at 7.45 a.m. on Sunday.

Finally one group, who had been waiting for hours for the plenary session to begin, sent a message to M. Vallieres the chairman of the Finance Committee asking him to appear in the lobby. When he did so, they asked him when he thought the committee would conclude its deliberations. He replied that he was unable to say definitely when they would end.

Shortly afterwards, M. Daladier, accompanied by M. Paul Reynaud, Minister of Finance, appeared in the Chamber to discuss the situation with M. Edouard Herriot, the Chamber President. M. Daladier thereupon called the members of his party together and told them that the opposition was attempting to create a Government crisis at the moment when he was about to depart for Corsica. Nor the budget was at stake, he said, but the entire prestige of France. Thereupon the Radical Socialists decided to vote in favour of the third reading, and as soon as this course was decided upon, M. Daladier resolved to put off his departure no longer.

Meanwhile the third reading was passed in the Chamber by a majority of 143 and the budget sent to the Senate for further consideration.—Trans-Ocean.

DALADIER SETS OFF

Paris, Jan. 1. M. Edouard Daladier the French Premier to-day entrained for Toulon to commence his tour of French Mediterranean possessions, including Corsica and Tunisia.—Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Dr. J. W. Anderson to be a Member of the Dental Board for a period of three years, with effect from January 6, 1939.

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British King To Visit Newfoundland For The First Time In History

LONDON, Jan. 1.

FOR the first time in history, a reigning British monarch will visit Newfoundland, England's oldest colony. King George and Queen Elizabeth, on their return from Canada and the United States in June, will call at St. John's, the capital of Newfoundland, and will stay there for three days. It is expected that Buckingham Palace will make this official announcement on Wednesday.—Trans-Ocean.

Death Of Prominent Scientist

Major H. A. Cummins, Professor Of Botany

London, Jan. 1.

The death is announced of Major Henry Alfred Cummins, M.D., M.A., R.A.M.C., was Emeritus Professor of Botany at University College, Cork. Born in 1864, he was educated at Queen's (now University) College, Cork, and later took his M.D. degree at the Royal University of Ireland. He was a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London.

He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, and served in the Sikkim Expedition in 1893, at Ashanti in 1895-9, and in South Africa in 1899-1901, during which campaign he was mentioned in despatches, received the Queen's Medal with four clasps, and also the C.M.G.

He was recalled to service during the European War and was mentioned in despatches. He leaves a wife, one son and four daughters.

New World Record For German Plane

Berlin, Jan. 1.

The German two-seater serial plane type "Arado 79", piloted by 1st Lieutenant Pulikowsky and 2nd Lieutenant Jernet of the German Air Force, has established a new international long-distance non-stop flight record by covering 8,490 kilometres from the Bengali airport to the Gaja airport (British India). Starting at noon on Thursday they landed on Saturday forenoon.

The last world record flight stood at 4,175 kilometres.

The plane left Gaja this morning for Bangkok.—Trans-Ocean.

£12,000 SMUGGLED PAST NAZIS

FOLKESTONE.

A JEWISH fugitive from Austria landed at Folkestone recently with £12,000 he had smuggled past Nazi officials.

His wife and child and his wife's mother were with him. They landed from the Channel steamer Maid of Orleans, from Boulogne, and left for London.

The family hope to make a new home in England.

World Jamboree Opens Near Sydney

Sydney, Dec. 31.

The World Boy Scouts Jamboree opened near Sydney this morning. Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General, read a message from the King to over 11,000 Scouts.

The Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, owing to ill-health was not able to attend.—Reuter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Further Donations For Refugee Relief

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation has received the following further subscriptions for the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hongkong & South China Branch.

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Anonymous	27.00
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Mr. Sum Yuen-wo	10,000.00
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Curacao Chinese Committee	4,981.51
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Local Admiralty Clerks' Association, Hongkong	100.00
Yu Kam Shung, Esq.	150.00
Mrs. Ngan Chung-hon	\$389,824.16

Vain Attempt to Save Seaman's Life

Rushed to hospital when his life came to port on Saturday, Albert C. Chandler, an Englishman, chief cook of the freighter British Monarch, was operated on for an intestinal disorder. The operation proved vain, Chandler dying yesterday morning.

The British Monarch, which is on charter to the N.Y.K., came from Japan. Chandler had been sick for more than a week, but, though feeling well, he cooked the crew's Christmas dinner. His illness became more serious, however, and he had to go to bed.

In answer to a radio call a launch met the ship on her arrival and Chandler was lowered into it on a stretcher. An ambulance was waiting at the wharf and Chandler was taken to Queen Mary Hospital where the nature and seriousness of his illness were determined.

Chandler is believed to have a wife and two children in England. He is not known to have any Hongkong relatives.

Burial took place at the Colonial Cemetery on Sunday the Rev. Cyril Brown officiating.

NEW BRITISH ENVOY TO ROME

London, Jan. 2.

Sir Percy Loraine, O.C.M.G., K.C.M.G., C.M.C., F.R.S., Ambassador to Turkey since 1933, is to succeed Lord Perth as Ambassador to Rome when Lord Perth retires in April next.—Reuter.

Lost Plane Is Found Wrecked Near Kunming

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2.

THE remains of a ten-seater Boeing passenger plane which disappeared en route from Chungking to Kunming have been found, according to a message reaching Chungking.

The message stated that the wreckage of the plane, containing four bodies, was discovered 240 kilometres to the south-east of Kunming. The plane was stated to be flown by Mr. C. L. Johnson, an American of Lafayette, Indiana. He was accompanied by a Russian co-pilot, a Chinese wireless operator and a Chinese mechanic.

No passengers were aboard the plane.

It is believed that the Chinese pilot was bearing the name "Pan," which is the

POLICE OFFICER KILLED

Fresh Outrage Near Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1.

SIR Charles Tegart, who is advising the Government on a police matter, is understood to have been travelling in the motor car in which Mr. G. D. Sanderson, British police superintendent was killed by a heavy fusillade of shots on a highway north of Jerusalem two days ago, says a delayed "Reuter" message. Sir Charles was not hurt.

The firing occurred when the car, which contained a party of high military and police officials, including Major Brunskill, the G.S.O. of General Haining's staff, was stopped on the road by a barrier.

Mr. Sanderson, the murdered police officer, was formerly deputy Inspector-General of Police on the North-West frontier of India.—Reuter.

DUTCH TO BUILD TORPEDO CRAFT

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.

THE Dutch Government has placed orders for the construction of 20 motor torpedo-boats. One of the boats will be built by a British power-boat company. The remaining 19 vessels are to be constructed in Holland on the strength of a British licence.

The boats will be 23 metres long and will have a displacement of 62 tons. They will be equipped with English Rolls-Royce Merlin engines, while their armament will consist of four torpedo tubes, anti-aircraft and machine guns, and depth-charging apparatus.

The speed of the vessels will be kept secret. They are intended for use in the Dutch East Indies, as well as in home waters.—Trans-Ocean.

Wu Te-Chen Goes To Chungking

Linhien, Jan. 2.

Shortly upon landing over charge of the Kwangtung Provincial Government to the new Chairman, General Li Hon-wan, General Wu Te-chen, the retiring Chairman, motored to Chungking in company with his chief secretary, yesterday morning.

In addition to verbal information, General Wu also handed to General Li a written memorandum in which was outlined the administrative programme of Kwangtung, during a dinner party given by General Wu in honour of his successor on the night of December 31.—Cen's News.

—RADIO—

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c.s. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 6-11 p.m. on 0.52 m.c.s. per second.

12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.50 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.

Watching The Stars (Film 'Spill-ers In The Air'); May I Have The Next Romance With You (Film 'Head Over Heels'); Blue Moon (Hart-Redgers); You And The Night And The Music (revue 'Stop Press').

12.42 Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

Passing The Church; Lilac Flowers Mourning For Me (Zoltan); Pale Yellow Rose; I Love You Beautiful Lady (Sandor); Hungarian Ceadras Of George Nagy (Boka Karoly); You Are The Fellow, Friend Tykody; My Little Velvet Hat; Oh! How Long It Seems; You Can't Forbid A Flower; The Sleeves Of My Jacket Are Tied Up; My Sweetie Is Raining About; How I Could Lament!

9.0 Time and Weather.

1.03 Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra with Ramona (Piano).

The Duke Installs—Fox-Trot; Garden of Wood—Fox-Trot; Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra; Turn Back the Clock; Ah! the Moon is Here; (Film 'Footlight Parade'); Ramona and Her Grand Piano with Clarinet and trumpet; China Seas—Fox-Trot; And Then Some—Fox-Trot; Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra with vocal refrain; Rainy Day (from 'The Cotton Club Review'); Happy As the Day is Long ('The Cotton Club Review'); Ramona and her Grand Piano with Itzy Barry, Touch Of Your Hand—Waltz (Film 'Roberta'); Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music.

Swing Stop—Don't Count Your Chickens; Slow Fox-Trot—House Beautiful... Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Tangos—El Que A Hierro Mata; Siempre Unidos... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) I hadn't anyone till you; (b) Mamma's gone Goodbye; (c) So Many Memories; (d) Rhythm Mad.

6.14 Record; Medley... Tarrant Bailey (Barlow) with Orch.

6.21 (a) You go to my head; (b) I've D'Lovely; (c) Where in the world; (d) Don't cross your fingers.

6.35 Records; Rodeo March (Ramsay); St. Louis Blues (Handy).

Harold Ramsay at the Warbler Organ of the Union Cinema, Kingston; Many Happy Returns Of The Day (Kennedy and Dobson)....Radio da Costa.

6.44 (a) I've got a date with a dream (b) Sweethearts forever; (c) Solitude; (d) Twilight in Turkey.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.03 Harold Williams and The B.B.C. Male Chorus.

John Peel (Traditional); Ten Green Bottles (Traditional).... conducted by Joseph Lewis with Ernest Lush at the Piano; Wrap Me Up In My Tarpaulin Jacket (Traditional); The Lincolnshire Poacher (Traditional).... conducted by Stanford Robinson with Piano.

7.15 Military Band Music.

"Zampa"—Overture (Herold, arr. Godfrey)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans; Coronation Processional Music... Regimental Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Major George Miller.

7.32 A Ballad Concert with Doris Vane (Soprano) and Hubert Eisdell (Tenor).

7.35 The News and Announcements.

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Love's Garden Of Roses (Haydn Wood); Roses Of Picardy (Haydn Wood);... Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) with Orchestra; Dream Of Autumn (Joyce); Chorists' Waltz (Phelps).

London Novelty Orchestra; My Dearest Heart (Sullivan); A Summer Night (Goring Thomas).... Doris Vane (Soprano) with Piano and Cello Obligato; Stephanie Gavotte (Czibulka-arr. Altendorf).... Regal Virtuosi cond. by Emanuel Starkey; Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes (Anon. arr. Batten).... Hubert Eisdell with Heddle Nash, Dennis Noble and Norman Allin unaccompanied.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Geo. Flo-Ulaski's String Orchestra.

1. Magyar Pusztai (De Maurizi); 2. Melody (Dawes); 3. Ivana Volga (De Maurizi); Interval; All Souls' Day (R. Strauss, Op.10, No. 8); Devotion (R. Strauss, Op.10, No. 1); Dream in the Twilight (R. Strauss, Op. 23, No. 1).... Herbert Janssen (Baritone) with Piano accom. by Gerald Moore; 4. Moonlight on the Alster—Waltz (Fetras); 5. Doina Voda (De Maurizi); Interval; The Great Awakening (Kramer); A Summer Night (A. Goring Thomas).... Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ accom. by Herbert Dawson; 6. Polish Blood—Selection (Medbail).

9.0 Vocal Gems from Light Opera.

"The Cousin From Nowhere" (Operetta in Brief—Kumke-Marszalek).... Margaret Slezak (Soprano) and Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Chorus and Orchestra from the Berlin State Opera (Sung in German); "A Country Girl" Vocal Gems (Ross and Monckton).... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

"Sharks Permitting" by Robert Gibbings.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Marie Burke and the Missis-sippi Sextette.

"Show Boat" (Hammerstein 2nd and Kern); Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man; Bill.... with Drury Lane Theatre Orch. cond. by Herman Finck.

10.0 London Relay—Two Plays.

"Murder In The Crisis" by Peter Cheyney; The action of the play begins on the night of September 29, 1938, at the height of the crisis between Great Britain and Germany. Scenes 1 and 2 take place on this evening. Scenes 3 and 4 two days afterwards. Characters: Polly Moon, Newsreader; Nicholas, Smiles, Detective Inspector Gringall; Maud; The River Gildeth by Norman Edwards; A radio play in one scene; Time: about 9.30 on an evening in August; Scene: A top floor back room in a lodging house; Characters: Mrs. Wagstaffe, Ronald Granham, Leslie Robinson; Plays produced by John Cheate.

10.30 Grieg—Concerto In A Minor, Op. 16.

Ignaz Friedman (Piano) with Orchestra conducted by Philippe Gaubert.

11.0 Close down.

11.30 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.

11.50 a.m. Time Signal at 11.45 a.m.

12.00 a.m. Big Ben. Recital by Empire Artists.

4.30 p.m. "Calling All Dogs".

4.45 p.m. The Kentucky Minstrels.

5.20 a.m. The News and Announcements.

5.40 p.m. Big Ben. Signal at 5 p.m.

6.00 p.m. Big Ben. Signal at 6 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Musical Games.

7.45 p.m. "Calling All Dogs".

7.55 p.m. Hunting Songs.

8.15 p.m. "The Great Catch" Play by Clement Pottle.

8.30 p.m. Len Clarke and Harry Ward, in Synchronisation on Two Pianos.

8.45 p.m. "To Talk of Many Things" Sharks Permitting by Robert Gibbings.

9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.

9.40 p.m. Time Signal at 9.35 p.m.

10.00 p.m. Recital of Madrigals and Part-Songs.

11.00 p.m. Snooker: Horace Lindrum v. Willie Smith. Commentary by Joe Davis from Thurston's Hall, London.

11.35 p.m. Orchestral Music of Borodin.

11.45 p.m. "This Raging Business—11 Madrigals—Talk by Lord Brassey of Aphorisms.

Midnight. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 12.15 a.m.

12.30 a.m. "Music for Dancing".

1.00 a.m. "This Raging Business—11 Madrigals—Talk by Lord Brassey of Aphorisms.

1.30 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.

1.50 a.m. Time Signal at 1.45 a.m.

2.00 a.m. Florence de Jong, at BBC Theatre Organ.

2.30 a.m. "Murder in the Crisis" and "The River Gildeth" and Orchestral Concert.

2.45 a.m. The Pig and the Whistle.

3.00 a.m. Interval.

3.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

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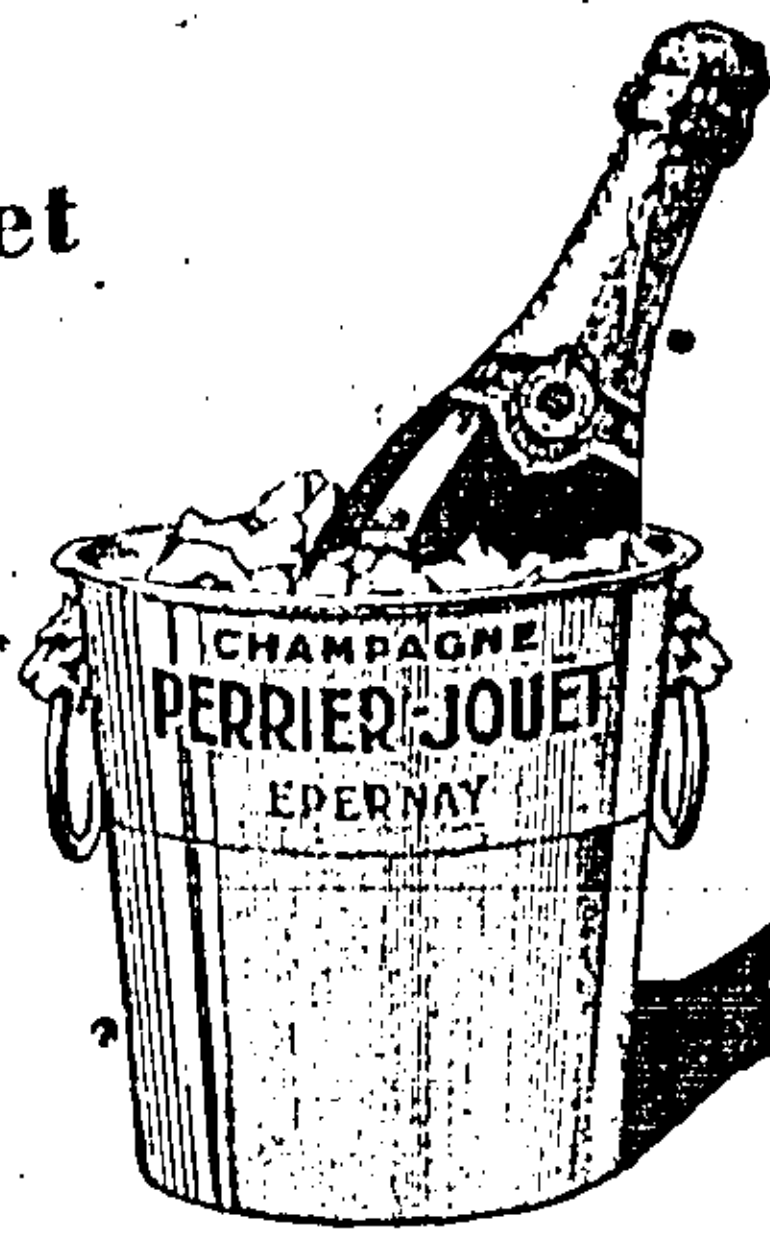
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The Universe

SIR JAMES JEANS figures in the New Year Honours. He is the scientist who has taught the world to be universe-conscious by publishing books about the stars and planets in language school-children can understand. Ever since astronomy revealed to mankind that the lights of the heavens represented solid worlds in some degree analogous to our familiar earth, there has been curiosity whether beings of some nature akin to our own may not perchance inhabit them. The tourist traffic of fiction with the moon and Mars has long been popular, and the expeditionary forces which H. G. Wells, Jules Verne, Edgar Rice Burroughs and other writers have launched from the red planet in conquest of the earth are but a few of legions. Not fiction, but fact, is dwelt with in Sir James Jeans remarkable books—and his fact is almost stranger than fiction.

Hoops, My Dear!

IT APPEARS that English women are going back to the crinoline. One wonders if this be a result again of that Parisian influence upon other nations in the matter of feminine dress; for, if so, it is amusing to reflect that once it was hoped in Paris that the influence of foreigners would abolish the crinoline. Saint-Simon relates in his memoirs how the example of the Duchess of Shrewsbury led to the ladies at the court of Louis XIV abandoning their great headdresses, and he adds: "Sensible people await with impatience the advent of another foreigner to disencumber our ladies of the enormous hoops which are as intolerable to themselves as they are to everybody else."

The modern crinoline is not such a full-rigged affair as its predecessors of the eighteenth century, and of the Victorian era; moreover, fashions are more transient than they used to be; so that, although the times are scarcely spacious enough for the mode, it is not likely that the No-Crinoline League of the nineties will be revived to oppose this new attempt to put ladies through the hoop.

Stop This New Year Resolution Nonsense!

IT is well, before making a New Year resolution, to consider the meanings of the word. "Resolution" suggests not only "determination" but "decomposition," the condition one is usually reduced to when trying to amend one's ways.

Lightly undertaken New Year resolutions can do more harm than good, for to make them and to break them depresses, or breeds insincerity.

Some spell "resolution" with a "v" instead of an "h," and try to amend their lives in one terrific effort, which they speedily find they cannot sustain for a day.

Thus their resolution is true to its meaning. It becomes a complete turn round upon the centre of self, starting on New Year's Day and finishing a few hours later at the point from which it started.

The threshold of the year is thus littered with the debris of resolutions. Let us not revolve but be quietly resolute so to live that we set ourselves a standard for the other days of the year.

If we tend to overdrink, to drink less; if we are chain-smokers, to break the chain, now and then; if we are hot-tempered, to put a guard over the fire; if over-anxious, to take no thought for the morrow; if given to laziness, to take off our coat to our work; and so on, till the setting of the sun.



To aim at temperance rather than abstinence. To climb to where we know we can reach rather than seek to ascend inaccessible slopes.

A New Year's Day well spent is a tonic to soul, mind, and body.

The encouragement of moderate success will spur us to new effort on the morrow. Character is smitten out on the anvil of continuous effort. It cannot be moulded in a day according to a paper pattern.

If, for the sake of convention, we must have a New Year resolution, let it be that every day and in every way we shall try to put the best into and get the best out of life, in the spirit of the Cockney woman who said: "Life ain't all you want, but it's all you 'ave. So 'ave it. Stick a geranium in your 'at and be 'appy."



I assure you that if you embrace her philosophy you will have a happy New Year, with a happiness that will daily increase until the little cherub grows whiskers.

"A happy New Year" is a conventional greeting we seldom seek to analyse. What do we really mean?

The National Union of Students among the English and Welsh universities once held a ballot competition to define the attributes of true happiness, and the result was illuminating. I made a note at the time, for I thought it might one day come handy. There were fourteen attributes discovered. We will go from last to first. Here they are:

A Schoolgirl Complexion

But only a handful of humanity, relatively, is complexion-conscious. As a universal attribute it wholly fails.

Anyway, a good complexion does not create happiness, though it may enhance it; for character, rather than mere looks, are what the eye delights to rest on.

JANUARY	
Sunday 1	Got up early, breakfast 8.30 a.m. Went to church. Busy morning in garden. Had lunch in afternoon. Writing letters home. Met my new friend of the theatre—much better, after three eternal cigarettes.
Monday 2	Got up early, little late. Busy day at office.
Tuesday 3	Slept in. Went to office. Normal day's work.
Wednesday 4	
Thursday 5	Work as usual.
Friday 6	

Some of the ugliest people I as the twelfth attribute to happiness, as far as features are piness. A library does not bring concerned, have beautiful faces, it. full of tenderness, dignity, and light.

I have been told that the late Duke of Newcastle was ugly, though his face was full of light because he was a man of prayer. One day, when he was leaving All Saints', Margaret-street, a gamin jeered, and the words withered on the youngster's lips. Our faces are mirrors of the soul.

An Artistic Temperament

Ten thousand times no! Be- hold a good choir-master when his boys have done their worst! Remember Francis Thompson seated on the edge of his bed in a garret, miserably looking at editorial rejection slips enclosed with his peerless poems.

An artistic temperament can lift one to the skies, but that makes the fall more painful. The peasants in that famous picture "The Angelus" look profoundly happy. I bet their painter wasn't.

The next two alleged attributes are bracketed as equal.

A Library: A Poker Face

I should never have supposed that either would be described

As to the Poker Face, which, I suppose, is a mask assumed when playing Poker, a game, if it is a game, of which I am ignorant, I suspect that it has a more subtle meaning—a face that does not betray the heart; a frozen surface unstirred by emotion.

A Persuasive Manner

That merely results in getting things done, good, bad or indifferent. Confidence tricksters have it. Do you suppose them happy?

A Good Cook

Must we admit that happiness has to do with eating, and thus

make ourselves level with the beasts that perish? None the less, I think we are getting warm at last.

I wonder if those who are honoured with the grand old name of servant sufficiently realise how the happiness of the household is in the hollow of their hands?

Listen to the words of George Herbert: "A servant with this clause Makes drudgery divine; Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws, Makes that and the action fine."

A Thick Skin

This savours of the Poker Face and happiness is not for turnips. The most melancholy looking creature in the Zoo is the rhinoceros.

To be thick-skinned is to be insensitive to the nobler, finer things. To be thin-skinned, but mixed with rubber, is to bounce up smiling after each misfortune.

A Brilliant Career

This has too often ended in tragedy to be given a place, let alone one so near the top. The next is £400 a year, and that sounds reasonable until one reflects that as soon as £400, is come by one wants £600, and as soon as one has that . . . but let it pass. The ballot did not say whether the £400 a year was earned or otherwise.

A Blameless Reputation

That is ridiculous. It does not exist, even in clerical circles. It could never bring happiness, anyway, because to be truly happy, one must forget oneself entirely.

A Charming Wife or Husband

Substitute "good" for "charming" and you have a real attribute of happiness. Why they left out children I do not understand. Yet, as bachelors can be radiantly happy people, we must leave it out of our estimate. Remember, we are in search of a common quality which every one can share.

An Assured Future

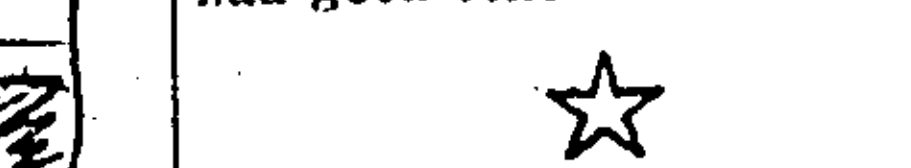
Every time one crosses the street it ceases to be existent.

The top three items are admirable, as I think you will agree.

Congenial Occupation, a Sense of Humour, a Sound Constitution

I boggle over the last and the top one, because I have so often met radiance in the sick room, but that, I reflect, may be supernatural happiness, a compensation to the consecrated ones of the earth; and here I am considering only earthly happiness. Yes, congenial work to do, and strength to do it, and a capacity to laugh heartily, at ourselves most of all, these three are priceless boons.

One item has been properly omitted, a good conscience. That can bring no happiness, because it simply does not exist. An easy conscience is a sign of spiritual sleep. Saints never had good consciences.



Each of us must, of course, mix our own ingredients in the Happiness Pie of 1939. For myself I want plenty of tobacco (forgive me for most of my pipes are knocked out as soon as started), time to pray, and time to read, and a little time to sleep (I like eight hours but count myself lucky to have seven), lots of brains to play with, and no telephone.

Now sip your 1939 like a cocktail. Don't gulp it like a bitter draught.

D. M. B.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"America? Do we see that on the way to Hollywood?"

WANG EXPELLED FROM KUOMINTANG

Gross Indiscipline and Endangering Country Allegation

"ABJECT SURRENDER TO THE ENEMY"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2. AT A FULL SESSION of the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang yesterday afternoon, Wang Ching-wei was permanently expelled from the Party by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was personally presided over by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Chief Executive of the Kuomintang, and attended by twelve members of the Standing Committee, including General Feng Yu-hsiang, Dr. H. H. Kung, Dr. Sun Fo, General Ho Ying-chin and Mr. Yeh Chu-isan.

Slimming Out Of Fashion

THE founding of a Chair of Gastronomy at Oxford or Cambridge was suggested by Mr. Emile Aymoz, maître chef of the Dorchester Hotel, in an address recently to a gathering of doctors. He pleaded for study of cuisine, research in nutrition and the training of men to minister to the bodily needs of the nation.

"Your nation should lead the world in the study of food and the cooking of food," said Mr. Aymoz. "I say boldly that the man who grows food, whether he is a farmer or a coffee planter, and the chef or cook who prepares it, are as important to the nation's well-being as any scientist or physician."

Because good food is the concern of everyone, he argued, in English-speaking countries all menus should be in English as well as in French. Cooking, like learning, could not be exclusive. Good food was the rightful possession of the people, and must be presented to them in their own language.

SHORTER MEALS

Other points from Mr. Aymoz's address were:

Dieting.—The modern woman no longer tries to slim herself down to a skeleton. A few years ago three women out of five would refuse to eat potatoes. Now not more than one in ten will pass them by. Food is much lighter, fluffier, stickier, foods seldom appear on the menu of any restaurant which prides itself on its cuisine.

Shorter Meals.—Even a banquet nowadays seldom includes more than five courses. Where is this shortening of meals to end? Soon we shall eat a smaller amount of a greater number of courses.

Dinner-time.—The earlier the dinner hour, the more gastronomically minded the nation. The French usually dine between 7 and 7.30. The Spaniards seldom sit down to dinner before 10. The English, who like to dine between 8.30 and 9, have probably chosen the best hour.

NUTRITIVE VEGETABLES

Vegetables.—At the beginning of the season English vegetables are better than French. The English allow their vegetables to grow too large before eating them. The English method of cooking vegetables retains their nutritive qualities far better than the more complicated and attractive French methods.

Meat.—England produces the best beef and lamb in the world, France the best veal and chickens. America's finest contribution to gastronomy is the hamburger, a form of minced beef.

Mr. Aymoz added that the popular revival of interest in good cooking would probably come from America. Americans took a greater interest in their food than the English.

LETTERS

Wang Ching-wei

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Mr. Wang Ching-wei's peace message loses its value when the Chinese people realise that a Great Nation and a Great People are reborn and that the invaders are on the eve of a general upset. China must win the War in the Spring of 1939.

Joining hands with a totalitarian country is not a good policy, suggest Mr. Wang to read in "Les Fables de la Fontaine Le Loup et l'Agneau" and he will know his wrong.

H. T. Luk.

Sees World Wrong Way Round

By standing on your head and looking in a mirror you can get a glimpse of the world as it appears to 8-year-old Richard Kenealy, of Chicago. Richard suffers from that rare optical disease which causes him to see everything through his right eye in reverse. Doctors are busy trying to fix up a cure that will be permanent, enable Richard to see the same things the same way round as his school-fellows.



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

BIG FIRES RAZE 100 HOUSES IN NAGASAKI

TOKYO, Jan. 1. ABOUT 100 HOUSES were razed to-day in two big fires which took place at a small town in Miyagi Prefecture in north-eastern Japan and at Nagasaki, in Kyushu respectively, telephone advices received here indicate.

Four hundred citizens were rendered homeless at Onagawa-machi, Oshika County, in Miyagi Prefecture where a fire broke out at 1.30 a.m. and continued to burn until 4.30 a.m. Eighty-one houses including the buildings of a local bank and a post-office were destroyed.

Stricken people are shivering in the cold wave which is sweeping the northern districts following prolonged snowfall. Rescue works are being rushed by the Prefectural Government.

Another fire broke out in Nagasaki, capital of Nagasaki Prefecture in Kyushu, where 15 houses have been burnt to the ground. The fire was put under control shortly after 7 o'clock in the morning.—Domei.

Territorial Army Strength

Recruiting for the Territorial Army created new records recently. The intake of 9,000 recruits was the best for any November since the War, and the net increase of 6,113 brings the total strength of the T. A. on December 1 to 200,100 all ranks—the highest figure ever achieved since the T. A. was reconstituted in 1921. The total is therefore only a few hundreds below the establishment fixed for the Territorial Army on November 1, 1938. A higher establishment of about 224,000 is now in view.

The London Division has moved up the list to second place with a percentage of 106.6. Five anti-aircraft divisions with a combined strength of 55,870 all ranks are included in the returns for the first time. In addition to the 16 divisions from which returns are completed, there are to-day in the Territorial Army many coast defence corps and army units.

SUPPORT FOR CHIANG Wang Berated By H.K.C. Women

The Chinese Relief Organisations of Hongkong, headed by the H.K. Branch of the National Women's Relief Association, sent a telegram to the National Government and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek yesterday, voicing their approval of the measures taken by the Kuomintang and Government in depriving Wang Ching-wei of membership in the Kuomintang and in dismissing him from all the government offices.

Additionally, the women pledge their support for the Generalissimo's policy of determined resistance.

The telegram points out that his group from Chungking has Japan, expecting peace offer from China after the fall of Canton and Hankow, and astounded by Chiang's more determined stand and greater power of resistance, has resorted to this mean trick of dividing China internally.

The public needs to know that the future prospect of the war of resistance, far from being clouded by Wang Ching-wei's betrayal, is on the contrary much brightened by the revelation that Japan has been compelled to employ political means to deal with the China problem as a result of sixteen months' exhaustion of her power of aggression, which is no more capable of making further advance.

The telegram also calls attention to the fact that "the flight of Wang Ching-wei has brought into still closer relations with those friendly Powers sympathetic with our cause for the defence of law and civilisation."

H.K. Residents In Chungking Honour Lists

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2. A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT mandate issued on New Year's Day listed a number of Chinese and foreigners who will be presented with medals in recognition of their meritorious services.

Two of the Chinese in the honour list are Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shou-sun Chow, of Hongkong.

Others include Mr. K. P. Chen, General Manager of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Mr. Huan Chen, General Manager of the Central Bank of China, Mr. Yeh Tso-tang, General Manager of the Farmers Bank of China, Mr. Y. M. Chien, Chairman of the Bank of Communications, Mr. Tsu-yeo Pei, Manager of the Bank of China, Mr. Ishih Te-mou, chief of the Banking Department of the Central Bank of China, Mr. Lu Tsu-fu, Vice-Minister of Communications, General Chien Tsung-tsch, formerly Managing Director of the Lunghai Railway, Mr. T. L. Soong, General Manager of the Manufacturers Bank of China, Mr. Huang Jon-ling, director of the Officers Moral Endeavour Society, Mr. Paul Naggior, former French Ambassador to China, Dr. Arthur Youm, adviser of the Ministry of Finance, M. Henri Hoppenot, Counsellor of the French Embassy.

CIVILIAN MARTYRS

Eighteen civilian officers, chosen from among an endless list of cases of unflinching devotion and fearless

patriotism, were singled out by the National Government to illustrate the fine flower of civilian loyalty nursed by the fire and blood of war during the past year.

Hailing from widely scattered places all over the country, these eighteen officers vie with the nation's soldiery in their undying deeds of devotion and sacrifice to the national cause. Many of them have given their lives to the country, a few are still living; all of them have won the recognition of the Government and the admiration and gratitude of their own people.

Heading the list is Fan Cho-sien, member of the Shantung Provincial Government, who died fighting recently at Linchong. Fan's youngest son had previously given his life during the counter-attack on Tsinan, when he charged the enemy bravely with a group of faithful followers.

Meng Shih, the faithful director of telegraphs at Pingyao, Shansi, is second on the honour roll. Meng and his wife, wee Wang, both hang themselves when forced by the Japanese to hand over their charge. The magistrate of Linchong, Shantung, who died together with Fan Cho-sien, after a whole day's gallant fighting outside the city gate, is listed third in the galaxy of honour, while Lin Chuan-chien, the chief of police, who also died, is the fourth.

Next on the list is Chu Peng-shou, the chief engineer of the Tientsin Telephone Office, who was kidnapped by Japanese authorities and killed after indescribable atrocities.

The sixth, Wang Shih-tien, is still living. Wang was the retiring magistrate of Ningkuo, Anhwei, and did wonderful work helping the military and evacuating the civilians, all at a time when he was afflicted with sickness.

Yang Tsi-yen, special administrative inspector of Shansi, comes seventh. All Yang's family are kidnapped by the Japanese, but Yang fights on, placing the trust of his country ahead of the fate of his beloved.

The eighth and ninth, Wang Wen-kwei and Wang Shien-shan, are magistrates of Changshing, Chekiang, and Tanglo, Honan. They both have given exceptional service assisting the military in the war.

Chang Hsi-won, the tenth, is the magistrate of Tanyun, Shansi, and the leader of a militia corps against the Japanese invaders.

Wang Tien-yun, the eleventh, magistrate of Hsien, Anhwei, was twice responsible for the recovery of his magistracy from the Japanese. Next on the list are Li Shun, special administrative investigator of Hupai, Miao Chung-shan, magistrate of Juichang, and Hsiung Kung-li, magistrate of Tsien, whose guerrilla activities after the fall of their cities greatly helped the eventual recapture of these places.

The sixteenth and seventeenth honour goes to Li Shih and Li Tse-chia, both magistrates, who fought the Japanese unflinchingly despite the fall of their cities. Li Tse-chia has since given his life to the country.

Concluding the list is Ma Shih-ung, who was captured by the Japanese when his city, Pingyuan, Shantung, fell into the hands of the enemy. Ma was killed by the Japanese after repeated refusal to submit.—Central News.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

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25 YEARS AGO

The wedding was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, of Mr. C. C. Stark, of the Vacuum Oil Co. Ltd., and Miss Anderson, of the Kowloon School. The Rev. N. C. Pope performed the ceremony.

The unusual phenomenon of frost was witnessed at Kowloon. Big tracts of grass were covered with a thick hoar frost, which, on examination, proved to be in thick layers and all underneath. The sight was an extremely pretty one and it aroused much curiosity on the part of those who happened to be about the time the sun's rays had melted the frost.

The lowest temperature during the night by dry bulb was 40 and by wet bulb 32. No record was kept of the temperature on the ground, but the conditions were certainly most favourable for a low grass-temperature. As long ago as 1891 that a temperature of 32° was recorded in Hongkong.

10 YEARS AGO

The last two days have been days of grave anxiety for His Majesty the King. For a period of nearly thirty-six hours, the doctors were unable to report any change in the King's condition, and having regard to the extreme weakness, this fact has aroused deep concern.

Yesterday evening, New Year's Day, however, a bulletin was issued announcing that new calcium treatment was having beneficial results, and that slight improvement in the general condition was apparent.

A much more hopeful tone now prevails, though several days must elapse before anxiety is relieved.

Mr. S. T. Bullin and Mr. H. R. Forsyth have been taken into partnership in the firm of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants.

5 YEARS AGO

The Governments of Paraguay and Bolivia have agreed to prolong the Christmas holidays trace in the Gran Chaco conflict until January 14.

There are two Hongkong names in the New Year's Honours List. The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, J.P., Director of the Medical and Sanitary Services, receiving the O.M.G. decoration, and Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, J.P., being made a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Cats Cause Death

London.

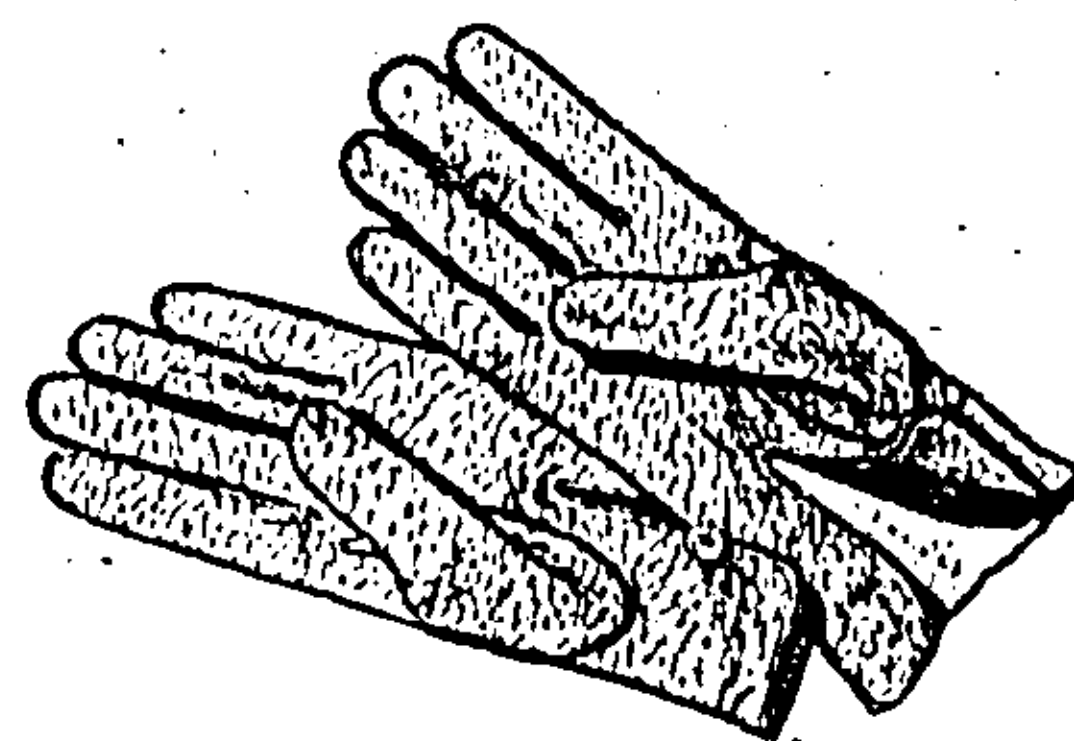
Cats were blamed at an inquest at Sutton, Surrey, for the death of William Sanders, a 52-year-old accountant, who was found on a concrete path beneath his bedroom window, and died from his injuries. The widow said during the night she heard cats making a noise at the back of the house and the lid of the dustbin fell off. "I believe he must have been disturbed by them," she said, "for apparently he opened the window to drive them off, overbalanced on a rickety chair, and fell."

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WAR TAKES HOLIDAY IN FAR EAST

ROOSEVELT MAY THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. MANY VITALLY IMPORTANT issues hang upon the deliberations of the 76th Congress which will assemble here tomorrow.

The Presidential message which will be read to Congress on Wednesday is likely to concentrate on the intensification of America's preparedness in the light of the deterioration of international relationships, with special reference to President Roosevelt's programme for "hemisphere defence," and the extension of the Monroe doctrine to provide for the united defences of America by all the republics of the hemisphere.

The President is expected to claim that for many years to come the burden of this ambitious programme will have to be chiefly borne by the United States navy and air force, and he will ask for a very substantial increase in the existing armament programme.

President Roosevelt will probably give expression to the serious view he now holds on the spread of totalitarianism, and without mentioning the three Powers by name, he is likely to make it plain that, in the face of Japan's efforts to make herself overlord in the Far East, of Italy's efforts to expand in the Mediterranean, Germany's ambitions in Eastern Europe and the Ukraine, and the united drive of three Powers for markets and political advantages in South America, the United States has no alternative but to re-arm as intensively as she can without actually upsetting her domestic economy.—*Reuter*.

JAPAN'S DISCRIMINATION

Washington, Jan. 2. The Administration intends to lay before Congress data showing the extent of discrimination against American trade in Japanese-occupied China, and in Germany.

What action may follow depends upon the strength of sentiment apparent in Congress and the country. The President will not use the section 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930, unless he feels that the nation is with him, but if the public gives a mandate, it is understood that the Administration is ready for retaliatory measures.

Section 338 of the Tariff Act empowers the President to impose prohibitive duties upon the imports of any nation discriminating against American trade, and even forbids the importation of other nations' goods in offenders' ships.

If discrimination continues thereafter, the President could embargo all trade with the offender. It is understood that the threat of this alone was sufficient in the case of a European nation a few years ago to end discrimination. Her Ambassador was shown the text of the proposed decree, and capitulation followed.

The Administration does not want to take drastic steps immediately, but it is reliably learned that if public opinion continues to harden in the face of repeated provocations, the Government will not hesitate to go to the limit, so convinced is it that particularly in occupied China, American enterprise, educational and philanthropic, as well as commercial, is being deliberately throttled.—*Reuter*.

ALL POSITIONS

THE "TELEGRAPH" was informed this morning by an unimpeachable source that reports that Wang Ching-wei had departed for Shanghai by the Lloyd Triestino liner Conte Verde are absolutely without foundation.

The former Chinese Minister, it is disclosed, is still in hospital in Hanoi.

He has not yet arrived in Hongkong and, according to latest information, may not come here, but may proceed direct to Europe by air.

The statement issued by Wang Ching-wei last week was telegraphed to Hongkong from Hanoi, and issued here by Mr. Wang Ching-wei's agents.

WANG DISMISSED

Chungking, Jan. 2. At an emergency joint plenary session of the Central Executive, and Control committees of the Kuomintang yesterday afternoon, it was decided to expel Wang Ching-wei from the party permanently.

At the same time a statement, addressed to the Chinese and foreign public, vigorously denounced Wang Ching-wei's so-called "peace movement" as completely violating party discipline.

The statement reaffirmed the determination of the Kuomintang and the Chinese Government to follow the policy enunciated by Chiang Kai-shek in his speech on December 20.

At yesterday's meeting, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek advocated leniency towards Wang, proposing that he be given friendly advice first, then a warning, and finally expulsion if he did not heed the warning.

The Kuomintang leaders, however, are stated to be most indignant at Wang's peace message, and unanimously adopted a resolution for his permanent expulsion from the party.

The National Government Office also issued an official mandate ordering the arrest and punishment of all who participated in the regime established by the Japanese as traitors.—*Reuter*.

(Full Report on Page 7.)

"KNOW HIM TO BE A QUITTER"

Chungking, Jan. 2. Mr. Chow En-lai, one of the most prominent leaders of the Communist Party, told "Reuter" to-day that the peace move made by Wang Ching-wei came as no surprise to him since, in my 20 years of association with Wang, I have always known him to be a quitter.

Chow, who played a leading part in the Suih incident, said that Wang, during his entire political career had "frequently changed alignments."

Wang had worked with the Communists at Hankow in 1927, joined the rebellion of Yen Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-shiang against Chiang Kai-shek, and had also joined Hu Han-min in the Canton revolt.

Every time, however, Wang had betrayed his colleagues as soon as the going was difficult, said Chow, and being an opportunist, he had always pursued the line of least resistance.

Chow went on to say that Wang's first move towards negotiations with the Japanese was made in an interview he gave "Reuter" immediately after the fall of Canton, and just before the fall of Hankow, when he made a statement expressing China's readiness to discuss peace.

This statement was vigorously denounced by all commanding officers who participated in the military conference at Hanyo, in Hunan in November, including Chang Kai-shek, who for many years had been a close associate of Wang Ching-wei.

Chow revealed that at the National People's Congress, which met at Chungking in November, a close associate of Wang Ching-wei said that assistance from Britain, the United States, France and Russia could not be depended upon, and China must seek a peaceful solution of the conflict through the assistance of Germany and Italy.

Chow also alleged that Wang made overtures to the Japanese through his agent in Hongkong, who had "visited Tokyo at least once."

He added that Wang's action would neither affect China's internal solidarity, nor the strength of her resistance. He declared that Wang had now practically no following in the party, the Government, or the army, except for a few associates like Ten Chung-nan and Chu Ming-yi, who never had amounted to anything.

He believed it was doubtful whether Ku Meng-yu or Cheng Kung-po would join Wang Ching-wei.

In conclusion, he absolutely refuted the rumour that Wang's trip to Hongkong might have been undertaken on an understanding with Chiang Kai-shek.

"I know, and I am confident that Chiang Kai-shek has absolutely nothing to do with Wang Ching-wei's action," he declared.—*Reuter*.

LONDON REACTION

London, Jan. 1. The stock exchanges closed to-day, hence there is no indication of the influence of Wang Ching-wei's demerits on Far Eastern loans. Newspapers do not specially give

HONGKONG CORPORAL'S DASH WAS IN VAIN

Mother Dies After Reunion With Son

THE DRAMATIC DASH of Corporal John Walker from Hongkong to England last month to visit his mother, Mrs. Ada Walker, who was lying dangerously ill in a hospital at Shore-ditch, and who was continually calling out for her son, although succeeding to the extent of allowing Corporal Walker to reach his mother's bedside in time for them to greet each other, ended on a note of tragedy yesterday.

According to a "Reuter" cable received from London this morning, Mrs. Walker died in the Shore-ditch hospital yesterday.

The mother remained alive, despite her serious condition, for nearly three weeks after the reunion with Corporal Walker, and at one time hopes were entertained that his presence might bring about a miraculous recovery, but after an initial rally, due to the joy of seeing her son again, Mrs. Walker gradually sank, and the end, not at all unexpected, came yesterday.

It was the mother's constant calls for her only son which induced Mr. E. Thurtle, Labour M.P., for Shore-ditch to intervene with the War Office and to secure telegraphed instructions for Corporal Walker's leave from Hongkong to be put forward so that he could rush immediately to England to see his dying mother.

Corporal King missed the outgoing troopship Dorchester by one day, but he caught the Gneisenau from Hongkong and reached Southampton on December 14, visiting his mother in hospital the next day.

New Year Eve Tribute To Madame Chiang

Chungking, Jan. 2. A remarkable tribute to Madame Chiang Kai-shek was paid on New Year's Eve when 100 girls, students, girl guides and nurses, marched through the main streets carrying scores of silk banners to be presented to her.

These bore inscriptions extolling her, such as the "Leader of Chinese Women," and the "Saviour of the Children."—*Reuter*.

\$16,000 RAISED FOR WAR RELIEF

Chungking, Jan. 2. While Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek spent New Year's Eve studying State papers, his wife attended a dinner given under the auspices of the New Life Movement Association, which raised more than \$16,000 from 400 guests for relief work among the families of Seachuen troops now going to the front.

After a general collection, Madame Chiang auctioned a silver cup which went to Lu Tso-fu, Vice-Minister of Communications for \$3,000.—*Reuter*.

prominence to the demerits, and come even totally ignore it.

Much greater attention is given to the American note to Japan, of which, the "Times" Washington correspondent says that when the note was given to the American press, it was accompanied by the intimation that it must be considered as America's fundamental summing-up of what had been contended in detail in many of the earlier communications, and as such, was designed to close that phase of the matter.

The Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says the feeling is growing in official circles that something more is needed to meet the present situation than "non-recognition."

Some London observers predict that Wang Ching-wei will get the support of the Chinese feeling in the community. The general feeling is that the demerits will prove to be a damp squib.

"It is regrettable, but it will make no difference to China's solemnly declared policy," said Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, in an interview.—*Reuter*.



HONGKONG KIDDIES WILL ENVY this little Australian girl, who has for a Christmas present a real, live "teddy bear." The girl, with her little konga, lives at Lone Pine, in Brisbane.—A. N. T. A. Photo.

Dramatic Air Search For Imprisoned Wife

LONDON, Jan. 1. SEARCH FOR A WIFE who "was having trouble with the Soviet authorities" was the dramatic motive for an unauthorized flight into Soviet Russia which cost Bryan Grover, 37-year-old London engineer, a fine of 1,500 roubles, confiscation of his plane and an order forbidding him to enter Soviet territory for five years.



A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH of the Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, who figures in the New Year Honours list.

INSURGENT TROOPS IN CUBELLS

SARAGOSSA, Jan. 1. THE INSURGENTS to-day occupied Cubells, which has been their main objective in the Balaguer sector.

The capture followed two days' bombardment by aircraft and artillery, and it is now claimed that the Loyalists would thus lose their main line of communications with the forces in north Catalonia.

The insurgents claim they are exploiting their success by advancing along the Balaguer-Seo de Urgel road, supported by tanks and cavalry.

Successes are also claimed on the other fronts, and it is stated that the total number of prisoners in the offensive to date is 12,000.

It is claimed that the Loyalists are retiring, wherever they are hard-pressed, giving no inkling of where they will make a determined stand.—*Reuter*.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in almost eighteen months complete peace has reigned throughout China.

War took a holiday on all fronts in order to celebrate the birth of the New Year.

Not even isolated skirmishes have been reported, field despatches to Chungking say.

Chinese forces which on December 31 were closing in on Fashien, 25 miles north of Canton and 15½ miles south-west of Taung-fa broke off their advance shortly before midnight on New Year's morning in order to join in the celebrations with the peasants.

Similarly, on the Hunan front, the Japanese defending Yoyang were allowed 24 hours respite while both sides ate their meagre New Year feasts.

It is believed, however, that the lull will be short-lived. The Yoyang defenders are being hard-pressed by the Chinese attackers, and the fall of Yoyang is believed imminent.

Similarly, the Japanese are believed to be making preparations to renew their westward drive into Kwangtung, and the northward and southward drives along the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Chinese military planes made their last raid of 1938 when they visited Nanking on the morning of December 30, and dropped four bombs on the old Arsenal, which is now Japanese military headquarters. The missiles made direct hits, causing, it is claimed, a large number of casualties.

MARCONI'S FORECAST COMES TRUE

Remarkable Television Feat By B.B.C.

LONDON, Jan. 2. BRITISH TELEVISION programmes from Alexandra Palace have been seen and heard in America.

This astonishing news was transmitted to the B.B.C., by the Riverhead Station in New York.

The official radius within which television reception is guaranteed by the B.B.C., is 25 to 30 miles.

It is realised that reception over a distance of 3,000 miles may be possible in exceptional circumstances but the event has caused surprise in the radio world.—*Reuter*.

B.B.C. Television broadcasts are made on ultra-short waves of approximately 1½ metres or less. These waves of enormous frequency were believed to have only quasi-optical range, i.e. a range similar to that of the eye.

During his visit to the Far East, the late Marchese Marconi told the "Telegraph" in an exclusive interview that this assumption had been proved incorrect by experiments he had just conducted aboard his yacht, Elettra, and prophesied that ultra-short wave would ultimately be used to girdle the earth with static-free beam broadcasts.

White Russian Pledge To Soviet

MOSCOW, Jan. 1. THE PEOPLE of White Russia, one of the Soviet constituent States bordering Poland, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic, to-day sent telegrams of loyalty to M. Josef Stalin, M. Molotov and M. Voroshilov.

M. Voroshilov in acknowledgment said that the entire Soviet was ready to fight for Socialism and independence, and would rout all enemies.—*Reuter*.

Radio Patrols' Quick Work

London, Jan. 1. The efficiency of the wireless equipment in police cars in London was shown last night when two cases of arrest were made soon after a wireless message had been flashed to police cars patrolling streets.

In one case a shop window was smashed and two men were arrested for the crime within three minutes of the alarm being given.

In the other case a house was entered by thieves and the culprits were arrested five minutes later.—*Reuter*.

British Consular Official Arrested

Burgos, Jan. 2. "Reuter" is authoritatively informed that Mr. Ernest Golding, British vice-consul in San Sebastian, and his wife were arrested there to-night by insurgent military police.

The action follows a local juridical inquiry into the ramifications of the affair in which a British consular bag was found by the insurgents to contain what was described as an incriminating package.—*Reuter*.

Polish Leader Dies

Warsaw, Jan. 2. Roman Dmowski, former leader of the Polish National Democrats, died to-day from pneumonia at the age of 74.

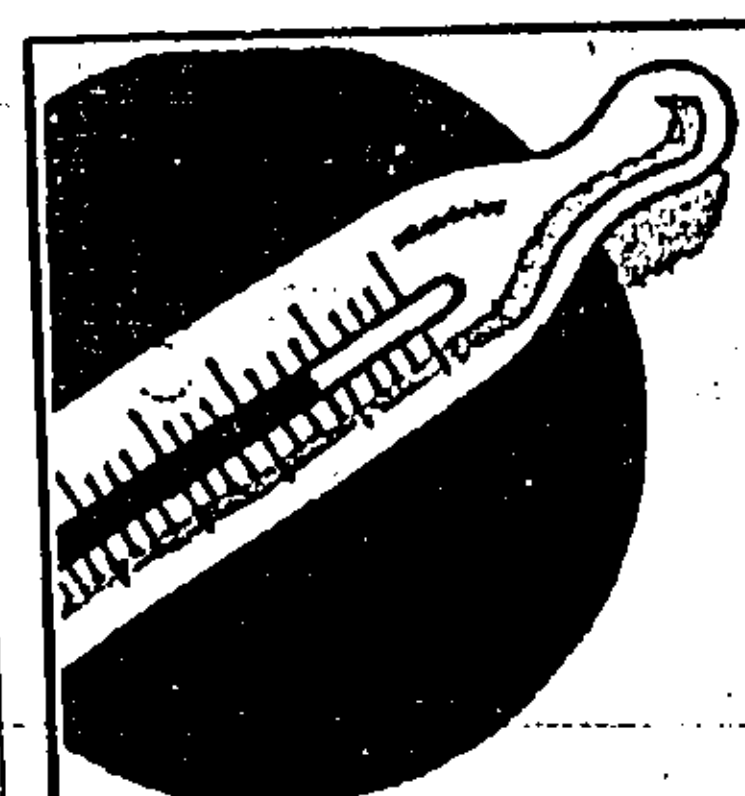
He represented Poland at the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919, and signed the peace treaty on behalf of Poland, together with M. Paderewski.

He was, for a short time, Foreign Minister at the end of 1923.

Owing to the coup d'etat of Pilsudski in 1926, and the defeat of the National Democrats in March 1928, M. Dmowski retired from politics.—*Trans-Ocean*.

QUEEN SUFFERING FROM SLIGHT COLD

London, Jan. 1. It is understood that the Queen is suffering from a slight cold, and she remained indoors at Sandringham to-day.—*Reuter*.



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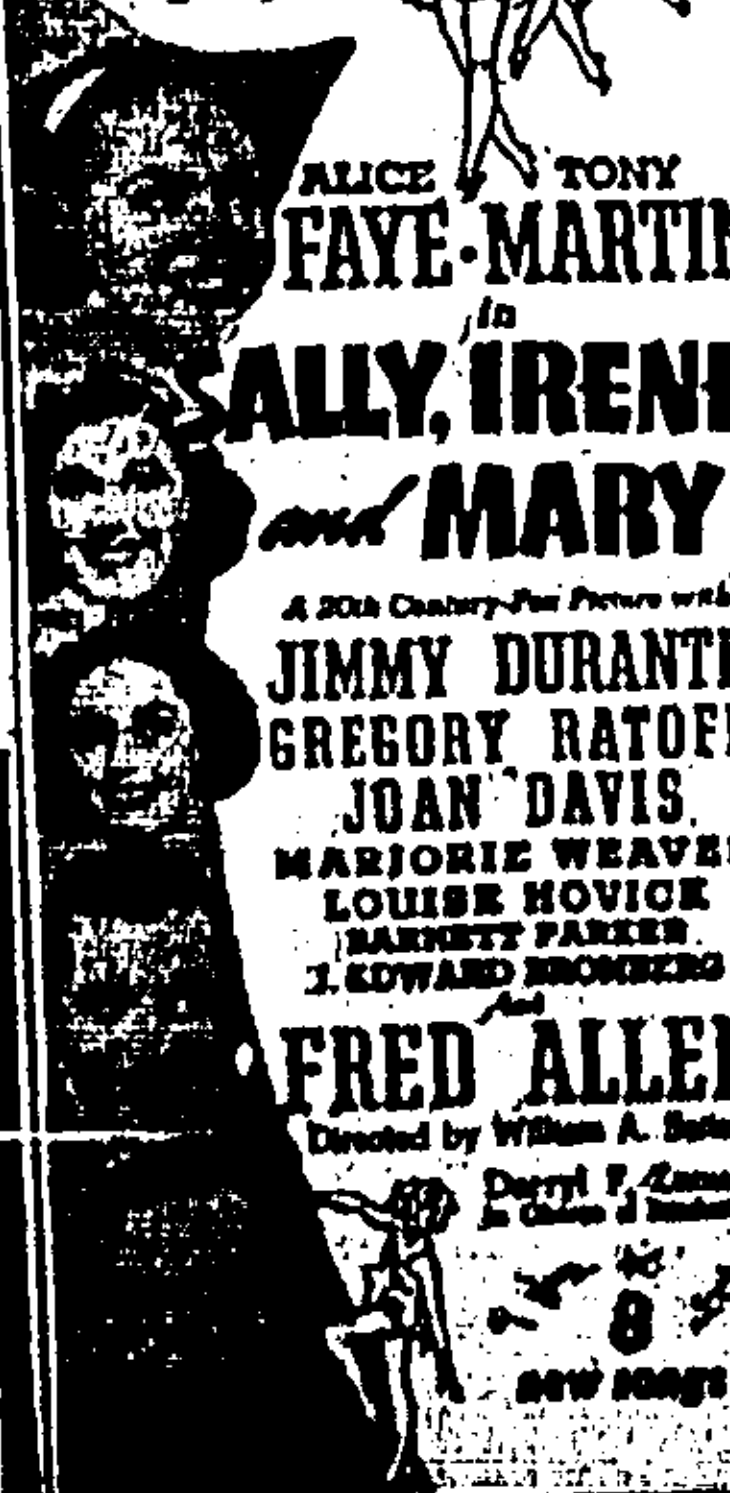
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GERMANY AND JEWISH EMIGRATION

American Expert Invited to Berlin for Talks

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA ANNOUNCES SCHEME FOR COLONISATION

LONDON, Jan. 2. IT is understood that the German Government has invited Mr. George Rublee, the American director of the Inter-Governmental Committee for the relief of refugees, to go to Berlin to discuss the evacuation of Jewish refugees from Germany.

Mr. Rublee will take with him Mr. Robert Pell, an American member of the Inter-Governmental Committee, and Mr. Joseph Cotton, who will act as financial adviser.—*Reuter*.

CZECHO-SLOVAK SCHEME

Prague, Jan. 2. A Committee charged with the preparation of a Czecho-Slovak Colonisation Company has been formed here, the object of the Company being to arrange for the emigration of about 20,000 persons annually.

It is stated that the committee will be able to raise a fund of half a million Czech crowns for financing the project, but that this will merely be used as security for the emigration loan to be granted by England. Emigration will take place in small groups, and the Colonisation Company will endeavour to guard against colonising failures.

Aryans as well as Jews will be assisted by the Company. The committee has completed a plan for the entire project, and has presented it to the British Government in the form of a memorandum.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Hongkong Sportsman Recovering From Fall

The many friends of Mr. G. E. R. Divett will be pleased to learn that he is now out of hospital, though he will have to take things easy for the next few weeks.

Whilst out riding at Kwangtung during the Christmas holidays, Mr. Divett was thrown when his pony "shied" at a jump. He was taken to Kowloon Hospital in an unconscious condition, but was allowed to leave on New Year's Day.

New Broadcasting Station For China

A new Chinese broadcasting station is now on the air. Using the call-sign XPSA, the station is broadcasting from Kwei-yang on a wave-length of 43 metres. Broadcasts are made in the Mandarin, Cantonese and Amoy dialects, and Malay, English and Japanese languages are also made. Foreign language broadcasts are made on week days from 6 to 7.30 a.m. and from 5.30 to 11.10 p.m. On Sundays the station is on the air from 5.30 to 11.10 p.m.

Daladier Starts Voyage To Possessions

BERLIN, Jan. 2. M. DALADIER'S TOUR is being followed with much interest, but official quarters are reticent, there being an obvious intention not to make too much of the tour at the present.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" appears to reflect feeling in political circles, when it asserts that French diplomacy is now, as always, endeavouring to create a favourable point in departure, by a gesture of exaggerated unyieldingness.

The paper adds: "Italo-French relations have become a European question. If people abroad would grasp the meaning of the clear unbreakable obligations arising from our relationship with Rome, which the Fuehrer underlined precisely at this hour, our attitude to the Mediterranean question would not be exposed to misinterpretation."—*Reuter*.

WARM WELCOME

Bastin, Jan. 2. The Mayor of Bastin today welcomed M. Edouard Daladier, the French Premier, when he called

ANOTHER CHARGE AGAINST BENES

PRAGUE, Jan. 2. FOLLOWING the action of the former General Gajda of Czecho-Slovakia, in petitioning the State Prosecutor to institute proceedings against Dr. Benes for perjury, it is stated in the "Praszký List" to-day that there is a possibility of a second action being taken against the former Czech President in connection with the disposal of funds placed in his care.

According to the paper the funds collected in America at the time of the founding of the Czecho-Slovak Republic were turned over to Dr. Benes and the purpose to which this money was placed has never been revealed.

The opposition press has demanded at frequent intervals that an account for the money be made, but this was never forthcoming.

It is assumed that it was used for the purposes of propaganda, and that the Government did not deem it wise to reveal into whose hands it fell.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Soviet Officials To Be Executed

Moscow, Jan. 2. Following a three-day trial, the Kiev court-martial has passed the death sentence on five former officials of the Moldavian branch of the People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs.

The men were charged with provocative fabrication of cases of illegal arrests, and flagrant violation of the law while investigating cases.

According to the prosecutor, the defendants' illegal acts were revealed when one of their victims petitioned to the central committee of the Moldavian Communist Party, which, on investigation, found that the "case had been entirely trumped up by the officials."—*Reuter*.

LITTLE PROMINENCE

Rome, Jan. 2. The press gives very little prominence to the start of M. Daladier's colonial tour.

It is noted that the tour is taking place without a "display of force," which it was originally supposed here would accompany it.—*Reuter*.

Bomb-Proof Shelters For Homes Advertised In British Papers

LONDON, Jan. 2. THE first newspaper advertisement for bomb-proof shelters appeared to-day, and marked the opening of the New Year.

The advertisement, inserted by Glazier & Sons, Ltd., said: "Properly designed shelters, which are proved to give safety against bombs. The shelters are designed by an eminent technical expert, who has made a careful study of the problem under actual conditions of aerial warfare in Barcelona. They can be constructed in your garden or factory grounds, to hold as few as five people, or for any number."—*United Press*.

INAUGURATION OF PROVINCIAL GOVT. IN SIKANG

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2. THE first Provincial Government of Sikang was inaugurated on Sunday at Kiangtin, capital of the Sikang province.

In his inauguration address, Governor Liu Wen-hwei announced the six points which would guide the future policy of the Sikang province. First would be to carry out economic reconstruction, secondly to strengthen national consolidation, thirdly to develop frontier education, fourthly to strengthen the organisation for the training of the population, fifthly to improve the standard of living, and sixthly to put the political administration on a sound footing.

Although the Sikang province, which is one of the most westerly provinces of China, was formerly hardly ever heard of in normal times, it has now become extremely important in view of the loss of the coastal provinces, and the consequent necessity of relying more and more upon the resources of the interior provinces. Sikang possesses tremendous natural wealth, especially in minerals.—*Trans-Ocean*.

New Decree Affects German Girls

Berlin, Jan. 2. Twelve months' work either in the household, or in the country, will be required from January 1, from every German girl who intends to take up a profession in an office or factory.

The decree is issued by Field-Marshal Hermann Goerring, who is charged with the task of carrying out a four-year plan. It renders such a duty obligatory for all unmarried German women under 25.

This obligation had already existed to a limited extent since March 1938, but all limitations and exceptions will henceforth be removed.

The object of the measure is to afford assistance to the overworked peasant women and mothers of numerous children.—*Trans-Ocean*.

FEWER NEW YEAR ACCIDENTS

New York, Jan. 1. The New Year celebrations cost less than half the number of deaths than the Christmas period.

Only 160 were killed in accidents throughout the country, motor-car smashups accounting for most of the deaths.

The majority of accidents occurred in New York, New Jersey and California, each State recording 14 deaths.—*Reuter*.

FIVE DIE IN TRAIN SMASH

Mexico City, Jan. 2. Five were killed and three gravely injured when the first of the year's railway accidents occurred last night, two freight trains colliding at kilometre 137 in the Mexico Queretaro Division, according to the La Prensa correspondent.—*United Press*.

IRISH BORDER BOMB

London, Jan. 1. A customs shed on the border of Eire and Northern Ireland was blown up last night. No one was injured as the shed was deserted.—*Reuter*.

Rumania Adopts Fascist Salute

BUCHAREST, Jan. 2. THE Rumanian Government has declared that all members of the party of "National Regeneration" must wear uniform and give the Roman salute.

Rumanian Cabinet-members made their first appearance in uniform to-day and gave the Roman salute at an official New Year reception.—*Trans-Ocean*.

KIDDIES GIVEN A FINE TIME

Enjoyable Function At Kowloon C. C.

Kiddies had an enjoyable afternoon at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday when the annual sports meeting was held. Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, President of the Club, was present at the function, and prizes were distributed by Mrs. Lindsell.

The following were the results of the events:

BOYS' EVENTS
Flat Race Handicap (Over 11 and Under 14): 1, Telford Ferguson; 2, Tommy Lee; 3, Albert Odell.
Hoot Race (Under 9): 1, Andrew Fabel; 2, John Youngusband; 3, John Naef.

Flat Race Handicap (Over 8 and Under 11): 1, Stanley Clark; 2, Alan Jex; 3, Donald Lo.
Sack Race Handicap (Over 9 and Under 14): 1, Albert Odell; 2, John Fabel; 3, George Guest.

Obstacle Race Handicap (Under 12): 1, Telford Ferguson; 2, George Guest; 3, John Fabel.

Flat Race Handicap (Under 14): 1, John Mulvey; 2, Kelvin Alcock; 3, Desmond Minshall.

Flat Race Handicap (Over 4 and Under 6): 1, Peter McRae; 2, Keith Armstrong; 3, John Mulcahy.

Potato Race (Under 12): 1, Tommy Lee; 2, David Baldwin; 3, Ian Shaw and Donald Lo (dead-heat).

Flat Race Handicap (Over 6 and Under 8): 1, John Guest; 2, Norman Lee; 3, Alan Jex.

Tug-of-War (Over 8 and Under 12): Winners: Austin Spary, Arthur Carlo, Ian Shaw, Albert Hazell, John Naef, Graham Mackenzie, Robert Taylor and George Lanchester.

Three-Legged Race Handicap (Under 12): 1, J. Ramsey and Eric Guest; 2, Stanley Clark and Basil Old; 3, David Baldwin and Peter Coombs.

Relay Race (Under 14): Winners: Albert Hazell, Donald Lo, Brian Penally and Arthur Dand.

Band Race: 1, L/Cpl. Blm Singh; 2, Rtm. Blm Singh; 3, Rfm. An Singh.

GIRLS' EVENTS
Flat Race Handicap (Over 11 and Under 14): 1, Yvonne Shaw; 2, Sylvia Boas; 3, E. M. Brown.

Relay Race Handicap (Under 9): 1, Dawn Ramsey; 2, Joyce Cave; 3, Margaret Kurrick.

Flat Race Handicap (Over 8 and Under 12): 1, Dawn Ramsey; 2, Elizabeth Gittins; 3, Fay Carlo.

Potato Race (Under 12): 1, Rosemary Langley; 2, C. J. Brown; 3, Yvonne Shaw.

Egg and Spoon Race (Under 12): 1, Joyce Naef; 2, Joyce Cae; 3, Patricia Brown.

Flat Race Handicap (Under 4): 1, Ingrid Muller; 2, Renate Muller; 3, Joy Bowden.

Flat Race Handicap (4 to 6 Years): 1, Shirley Lo; 2, Avril Court; 3, Joyce Guest.

Relay Race Handicap (Over 9 and Under 14): 1, Mollie Jack; 2, Jill Stokes; 3, Joyce Dimbleby.

Flat Race Handicap (Over 6 and Under 8): 1, Dawn Ramsey; 2, Joyce Cave; 3, Margaret Kurrick.

SABOTEURS ACTIVE IN CANTON

Shameen's Telephonic Communications Cut

CANTON, Jan. 1. SABOTEURS are believed to be responsible for a complete breakdown of telephonic communication in Shameen and in the western section of Canton.

Investigation has disclosed that the four underground circuits were deliberately cut through at several points.

After sawing through the thick cables, each carrying hundreds of telephone connections, the saboteurs removed sections of the wires.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

RESTORATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Canton, Jan. 1. Public utilities in Canton, destroyed by the Chinese before the evacuation, are gradually being restored.

Several streets in the city are now lit by electric light during the night, one dynamo at the Bund Electric Light plant being repaired sufficiently to provide a restricted service.

Water is also flowing through the city mains in several sections of the city, with the repairing of two of the pumps at the waterworks.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

NEW H.K.—CANTON MAIL SERVICE

A regular mail service between Canton and Hongkong, via Macao, will come into operation with the commencement of the Japanese operated steamer service between the Portuguese Colony and the former Kwangtung capital.

Formerly, all mail for Hongkong was despatched from Canton by air or ship to Formosa.

The Japanese authorities intend to run a regular weekly service to and from Macao. Later, this service will be accelerated.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

SEAMEN FOR CANTON

CANTON, Jan. 1. H.M.S. Seamen is scheduled to depart from Hongkong for Canton on Wednesday, according to a list of sailings of warships released in Canton to-day.

The U.S.S. Mindanao is also scheduled to leave Hongkong for Canton this week.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

LOYALISTS MAY SEEK ARMISTICE

Perpignan, Jan. 2. The Loyalist Government is reported to be sending the former Premier, Sen. Portela Valladares, to South America in order to ascertain the chances of the South American States intervening in favour of an armistice between the Spanish warring parties.

Rumours persist that the crisis in the Catalonian Government has been increased by the Anarcho-Syndicalists demanding the resignation of the present Cabinet.—*Trans-Ocean*.

CLUB TEAM TO PLAY NAVY

The following team has been selected to represent to 1st XI of the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Royal Navy on the Club Ground at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4:

V. M. Benwell; V. Bond; E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe (Capt.); W. A. Reed; N. B. Whitley; S. Fowler; T. Whitley; E. F. A. Morgan; B. I. Bickford; and R. A. Bates.

NEW PRIMATE OF ALL IRELAND

London, Jan. 2. Dr. J. A. F. Gregg, the Archbishop of Dublin, has been appointed Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland in succession to Dr. Day. Dr. Gregg will be installed on January 25.—*Reuter*.

Under 8): 1, Diana Armstrong; 2, Cynthia Baldwin.

Musical Chairs (Under 12): 1, C. J. Brown; 2, Peggy Steed; 3, Margaret Kurrick.

Egg and Spoon Race (Over 8 and Under 14): 1, Jill Stokes; 2, Rosie Harris; 3, Mae Brown.

Relay Race (Under 14): Winners: Yacult Cooper, Gloria Erlund, Dorothy Keales and Yvonne Blackmore.

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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 28th December 1938.	Pan-American Airways Plane	January 4.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 10th December).	Pres. Van Buren	January 5.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)—London date, 8th December and London parcels—London date, 1st December.	Rajputana	January 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Chitral	January 6.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	January 6.
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U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—San Francisco date 10th December 1938.	President Cleveland	January 6.
Australia and Manila	Telping	January 6.
Japan	Tazima Maru	January 6.
Calcutta and Straits	Yusukuni Maru	January 6.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 31st December 1938.	Imperial Airways Plane	January 7.
Japan and Shanghai	Juan Laborde	January 7.
Shanghai	Aeneas	January 7.
Straits	Yasukuni Maru	January 10.
Japan	Heijo Maru	January 11.
Canton, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 24th Dec. 1938).	Emp. of Asia	January 12.
Amoy	Sirdhana	January 12.
Shanghai, Japan and Formosa	Hakusan Maru	January 13.
Straits	Lycan	January 13.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Shanghai	Surpedon	Tues., Jan. 3, 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday		
Swatow and Shanghai	Kwangtung	Wed., Jan. 4, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Peter Maersk	Wed., Jan. 4, 10 a.m.
Holhow	Mulnam	Wed., Jan. 4, 11.30 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Tjinalak	Wed., Jan. 4, Noon.
Haiiphong	Lucas	Wed., Jan. 4, 2.00 p.m.
Swatow	Selsian	Wed., Jan. 4, 3.00 p.m.
Parcels only for Singapore and Amoy	Van Heutz	Wed., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 11th January	Pan-American Airways Plane	Wed., Jan. 4. K.F.O. Reg. Jan. 4, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 4, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 4, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 4, 7 p.m.		
Thursday		
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok (Mauritius Papers only) Reunion, Madagascar, L. Marques, and (Parcels and Papers only) for South Africa via Durban	Boisecvain	Thurs., Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Hupch	Thurs., Jan. 5, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjinalak	Thurs., Jan. 5, 10.00 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 12th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Jan. 5. K.F.O. Reg. Jan. 5, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 5, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 5, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 5, 7 p.m.		
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 14th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Jan. 5. K.F.O. Reg. Jan. 5, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 5, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 5, 5 p.m. Ord. Jan. 5, 7 p.m.		
Friday		
Brindisi—due Brindisi, 20th January	Conte Rosso	Fri., Jan. 6, 8.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kingyuan	Fri., Jan. 6, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., Jan. 6, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia.	Rajputana	Fri., Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Van Buren	Fri., Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	Fri., Jan. 6, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 3rd February.	Parcels	Jan. 6, 5 p.m. Reg. Jan. 7, 9.45 a.m. Ord. Jan. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 17th January.	Chitral	Sat., Jan. 7. G.F.O. and K.F.O. Reg. Jan. 7, 9.30 a.m. Ord. Jan. 7, 10 a.m.
Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta	Kutsang	Papers, Jan. 7, noon.
Haiiphong	Wasing	Sat., Jan. 7, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Juan Laborde	Fri., Jan. 7, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Yusungang	Sat., Jan. 7, 5.00 p.m.
Sunday		
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Wingsang	Sun., Jan. 8, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 16th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Jan. 8. K.F.O. Reg. Jan. 8, 5.00 p.m. Ord. Jan. 8, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 8, 5.00 p.m. Ord. Jan. 8, 7.00 p.m.		
Airmail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 16th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Jan. 8. K.F.O. Reg. Jan. 8, 5.00 p.m. Ord. Jan. 8, 5.30 p.m. G.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 8, 5.00 p.m. Ord. Jan. 8, 7.00 p.m.		

ST. JOSEPH'S SURPRISE NAVY IN SOCCER SHIELD

WIN BY THE ODD GOAL AFTER AN EXCITING GAME

SAILORS MORE SPEEDY BUT HAD NO CONTROL

(By "Abe")

That old football axiom that League form is often an unreliable guide to the result of Shield matches was once again borne out yesterday when St. Joseph's defeated the formidable Royal Navy team in the second round of the Hongkong Football Association Shield at Causeway Bay by 3-2. True, the Saints were strengthened by the inclusion of C. F. Remedios, N. Beltrao and A. V. Gosano; but few of those present on the ground, I am sure, expected victory to go to them, especially as the Navy took a 2-0 lead after 15 minutes' play.

Visions of an easy win for the Navy were soon dispelled by the Saints, who fought back with rare determination after being two goals down. When David Leonard scored from close range to reduce the deficit, it was evident that the Saints were going to make a fight of it; and when two minutes later, Gosano beat McAllister to score the equaliser, the game became very exciting indeed.

Throughout the remainder of the match, exchanges were always very even. While the Saints revealed better control, for the most part, the sailors proved themselves the speedier side. In fact it was because they concentrated so much on speed that they often the latter failed to keep the ball under control.

Actually, considering the number of chances which both sides had, the game should have produced more than five goals. However, many scoring opportunities on the part of the forwards when within shooting distance. Both sides were impressive enough in midfield in the second period; but over-elaboration by the St. Joseph's forwards, and lack of ball control by the Navy forwards enabled the two goal-keepers to keep their charges intact until Beltrao, going up with the forwards when a corner was being taken, drove the ball into the far corner of the Navy goal from outside the penalty area for the winning point. This was scored 13 minutes from the final whistle.

CHANCES WASTED

The Saints would have had only themselves to blame if the Navy had equalised; for after their winning goal, they had several chances of going further ahead, but missed all of them.

The sailors made determined efforts to score, but desperate defence by the Saints' halves and backs kept them at bay. Once, Jones, who had scored both the Navy's goals in the first half, had only Marques to beat, but he shot straight at the goal-keeper. On the other side, Alves had the same experience. Given a perfect pass by Leonard after the backs had been drawn, Alves also failed to beat the goal-keeper.

As only to be expected in a game of this description, consistently good

football was not seen during the whole 70 minutes of the match. Nevertheless, there were some good patches of brilliant play, and what is more important, the game was never allowed to become uninteresting.

The Navy opened promisingly, and scored two goals through Jones, the centre-forward, in the first 15 minutes. The Saints' forward line could not get going, and changes were made between Gosano and Leonard. The former started the match as centre-forward, with the latter at inside-right; but Leonard, accustomed as he is to the centre-forward position, had a tendency to stray into the middle, thus crowding Gosano and leaving a gap on the right. The change brought results soon after it was made.

Leonard first reduced the arrears and then Gosano scored and there was no further score in this half.

GOOD NAVY HALVES

In the second period, the Navy halves distinguished themselves. Dixon was a tower of strength in the pivotal position, and Still played a great part in reducing the effectiveness of Castillo, who had a bad habit of taking the ball to the corner instead of cutting in or passing it before the Navy defenders got back into position. Honeywell had a difficult task keeping Alves in check, but on the whole he gave a good account of himself.

Armstrong's corner kicks for the Navy were always dangerous, but none of the forwards could make use of them. He is undoubtedly the best corner-kicker in the Colony at the present time.

The greatest value of Gosano in the Saints' team lay in his magnificent passes to his colleagues, especially to Castillo, who was spoon-fed.

Leonard, although he scored the first goal, lacked his usual dash and fine shooting. As usual Beltrao was steadiness personified in the centre-half berth, while C. F. Remedios was the steadiest of the two backs.

St. Joseph's—E. M. Marques; C. F. Remedios, Sousa; A. J. Hussain, N. Beltrao, L. Woo; T. Castillo, D. Leonard, A. V. Gosano, J. Gomes, and T. Alves.

Navy—McAllister; Bellis, Fisher; Honeywell, Dixon, Still, Armstrong, Thoburn, Jones, Hunt and Batts.



Miss M. Smith demonstrates a new use for the big shoes, which were part of Mr. "Bunny" Austin's outfit in the fancy dress hockey match played during the holidays.—Pictorial News.

Overseas Postal Match Fired At Stonecutters In A Strong Tail Wind

The N.R.A. Overseas Postal Match was fired on Saturday at Stonecutters Rifle Range, kindly placed at the disposal of the teams by the Naval authorities. A strong but constant tail wind was blowing all the time while the light up till 600 yards was good.

It was a cold morning and some members of the team who were clad in shirts were somewhat chilled. However, taking in all the conditions, the shooting was good and there was a distinct increase on last year's score.

P. O. Swan, captain of the S. R. (b) team appropriately led their score with a 130. Marine Heather had a fine 48 at 500 yards but was unlucky with a gust of wind at 600 yards when he might have had 130. In the S.R. (a) scores P. O. Richards, shooting on his own range, put on 127 a very fine performance. Lieutenant L. B. Holmes of H.K.V.D.C., who was in the Colony team at Bisle, was an interested spectator.

From now on until the Prize Meeting in April the activities of the H.K.R.A. will be devoted to giving members an opportunity of practising at various ranges with eight or eleven shot shoots, so members should study the programme of shooting, a copy of which was published on the October Bulletin and also posted up in the Clubhouse.

There will be an eleven shot shoot on Wednesday, January 4, at 400 yards and 500 yards with revolver practice.

The results of the Overseas Postal Trophy Match are as under:

S.R. (b) TEAM				
	300y.	500y.	600y.	Grand Total
Sgt. G. Perkins	37	45	42	124
C/Sgt. P. Hale	45	44	43	132
Marine P. G.	45	48	42	135
Heather	45	48	42	135
Mr. T. J.	45	43	40	128
Boulton	45	43	40	128
Capt. P. P.	38	40	39	117
Sequeira	38	40	39	117
Surg./Lieut.	42	45	40	127
J. B. Mackie	42	45	40	127
P.O. J. C. Swan	40	45	45	130
Cpl. R. J.	45	45	45	135
Heep	45	45	45	135
	343	361	342	1046

S.R. (a) TEAM				
	300y.	500y.	600y.	Grand Total
Major D. L.	38	39	38	115
Campbell	42	45	40	127
P.O. H.	42	45	40	127
Richards	37	41	35	113
Mr. W. K.	40	38	37	115
Pte. D. Sim	37	40	40	117
Pte. V. M.	37	40	40	117
Hammond	41	40	39	120
C. W. Steer	41	40	39	120
Cpl. F. Cole	38	43	39	120
L/Cpl. R.	37	42	38	117
Bullen	37	42	38	117
	310	320	295	925

LADIES' SOFTBALL RESULTS

The following are the results of Ladies' League Softball matches played at King's Park yesterday: Wildcats 10, Cubs 10; Wahoes 28, Baby Panthers 8; Recreio Ladies 10, Canadian Chinese 8.

Record Score By M.C.C. In Second Test With S. Africa

Centuries by Hammond, Ames And Valentine

SCORE BOARD

M.C.C. 1ST INNS.	
L. Hutton, b Gordon	17
P. A. Gibbs, c Wade, b Gordon	50
E. Paynter, l.b.w., b Langton	1
W. R. Hammond, b Davies	161
L. Ames, b Gordon	115
W. J. Edrich, b Gordon	0
B. H. Valentine, l.b.w., b Gordon	112
H. Verity, b Langton	22
D. V. F. Wright, not out	27
K. Farnes, not out	1
Extras	12
Total (for 8 wickets)	553

Fall of wickets:—1 (Hutton) for 25; 2 (Paynter) for 30; 3 (Gibbs) for 129; 4 (Ames) for 338; 5 (Edrich) for 338; 6 (Hammond) for 410; 7 (Verity) for 504; 8 (Valentine) for 537.

Club Beat Police In Shield Tie

A scrappy and uninteresting game was seen at Happy Valley yesterday when the Police defeated the Club by the odd goal in five, in the second round of the Senior Shield. The deciding point came in the first half of extra time.

Club held a two clear goal lead at half time but allowed the Police to score twice before the end of the second half.

Strange and Fowler netted for Club in the first half. Moss replied for the Police after the interval, Moon Kny netted the equaliser, and Wong Tsing-yao the deciding point in the extra time allowed.

BOWLS MATCH At K.B.G.C.

Scotland Defeat The Rest Team

A friendly lawn bowls match was played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday, when Scotland defeated the Rest by 102 shots to 97.

Scotland: W. Houston, A. Morton, A. Macfarlane and R. Duncan (skip) 10; C. Wallis, A. Macintyre, John Watson and J. McKelvie (skip) 31; G. N. Mitchell, J. Ross, A. Hyde Lay and J. C. Brown (skip) 25; A. M. Calman, W. Spence, W. Orr and W. Hamilton (skip) 19; E. J. A. Lockhart and E. M. Hanlon (skip) 11. Total 102.

The Rest—Jack Watson, C. Hast, D. W. Waterton and J. G. Meyer (skip) 20; R. P. Phillips, E. V. Searle, S. M. White and P. Stinchum (skip) 17; W. D. Dixon, A. E. E. Jeffries, J. S. Beach and C. B. Hosking (skip) 15; G. E. F. Thompson, P. T. Barby, T. Armstrong and L. Guy (skip) 19; G. W. Denoon, H. Cooper, H. E. Drew and T. C. Robson (skip) 20. Total 97.

Sheffield Shield Cricket Games

Melbourne, Jan. 2. The following were the scores of Sheffield Shield cricket matches: South Australia, 400; Victoria 490 and 10 for 0.

New South Wales, 214 and 76 for 2; Queensland 200.—*Reuter*.

Home Football

HEARTS BEATEN AT HOME

Full Programme In Scottish League

London, Jan. 2. A full programme of matches was played to-day in both divisions of the Scottish Football League, the greatest upset being the defeat of Hearts, at home, by Hibernian, who won by the only goal scored.

Rangers and Celtic clashed at Glasgow, the home team emerging victors by the odd goal in three.

Blackburn Rovers, at home to Sheffield Wednesday in the Second Division of the English League, were outplayed and were defeated by 4-2. Bolton Wanderers lost to Stoke City at home by 3-1.

ENGLISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION	
Bolton	1 Stoke
Middlesbrough	3 Liverpool

SECOND DIVISION	
Blackburn	2 Wednesday
Bury	1 Millwall
Newcastle	0 Chesterfield
Sheffield U.	1 Burnley
Tranmere	2 Bradford

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Stockport	5 Rotherham

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION	
Aberdeen	4 Arbroath
Aldon R.	0 Falkirk
Clyde	4 Partick
Hamilton	2 Motherwell
Hearts	0 Hibernian
Kilmarnock	3 St. Mirren
Queen's Park	0 Ayr U.
Rathfriland	1 Third Lanark
Rangers	5 St. Johnstone
	2 Celtic

SECOND DIVISION	
Brechin	1 Montrose
Dundee U.	2 East Fife
Dunfermline	1 Cowdenbeath
East Duffry	2 King's Park
Edinburgh	0 Dundee
Forfar	6 Dumbarton
Leith	2 Alloa
Marion	1 Airdrie
St. Johnstone	3 St. Bernard's
	0 Unplayed.



Lieut. Talbot, the Navy half, who has been playing a big part in the Navy rugby team's victories in the recent matches.—Photo by A. A. Kahn.

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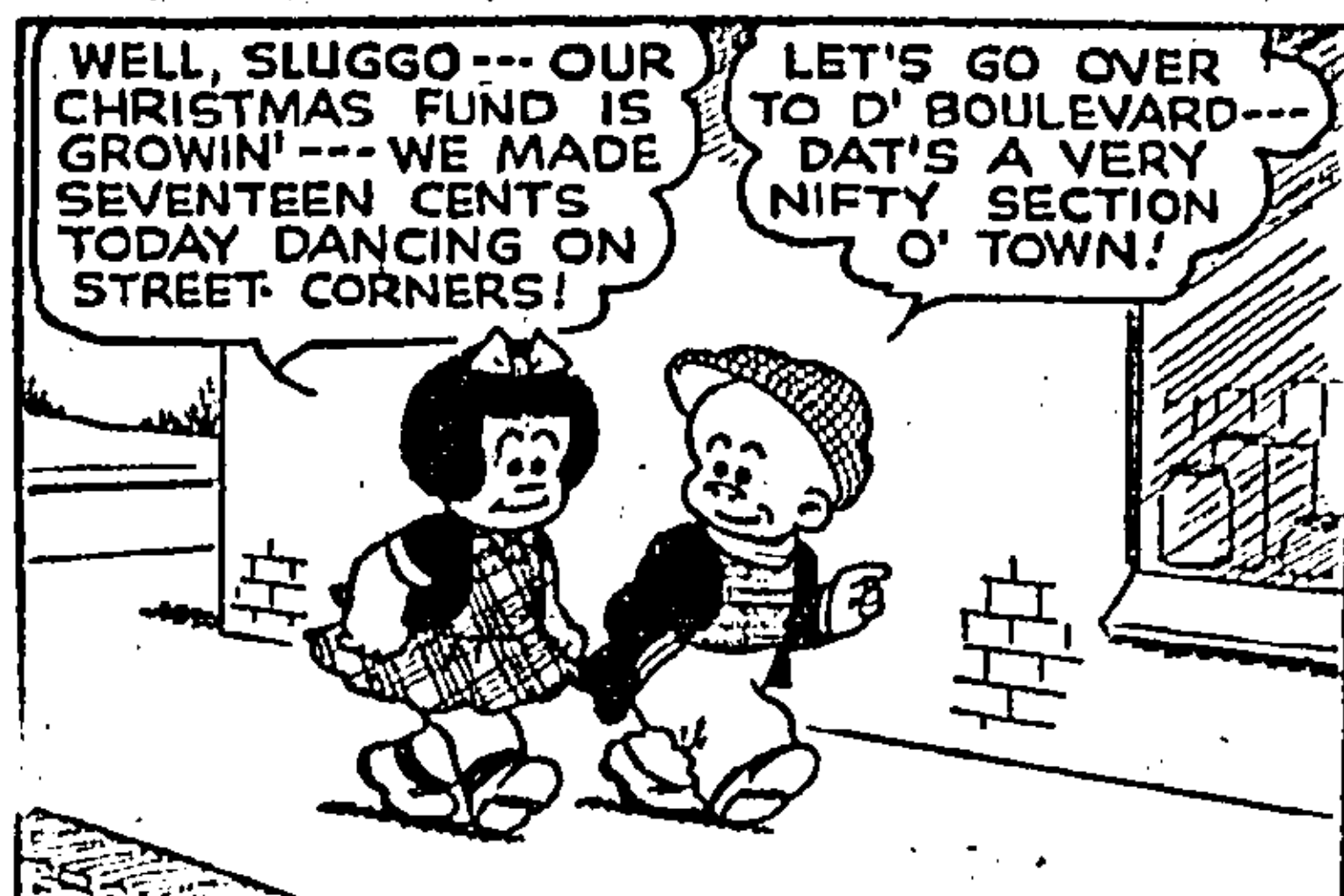
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Navy Win Triangular Cricket Tournament

Club Batsmen Fail In Both Innings: Beaten Easily By 7 Wickets Sailors Establish A Lead After First Day's Play

(By "R. Abbie")

It was uncommonly cold when play began about five past two in the last match of the Triangular Tournament. The Navy, I was glad to see, had out a much stronger side than before when they played the Army though at one time it looked as if it was not going to avail them much. As it is, they hold a distinct advantage and the odds are that they will win outright or draw. But from what we saw on Thursday last, we learn that a match is never lost until it is over.

Theoretically the inclusion of Kyrle and Glenister made a great difference as it strengthened the bowling and batting, but it so happened that neither did very much. Glenister, who seems to me short of practice, got a couple of wickets but I thought it was due rather to bad batting than to the subtleties of his deliveries. However, the match is not over yet. But I rather gather that the Navy cricket people agree with me before this is their best possible side with the exception of Mid. Brownrigg. He is pretty near as good as Clayton behind the stumps and a much better bat. The Club had N. D. Lloyd, Isley and Fox for Richardson.

Griffiths and Scoones. This weakened the batting a good deal but might have strengthened the bowling a lot, had it been worked differently.

In the absence of Richardson, Owen Hughes elected to open the innings with Ride and Kyrle served him up a very wild first over, off which he collected two fours to square leg, one to long leg and one to fine leg. Paxton bowled at the other end and Ride put him for a single and then Owen Hughes hit him for four to long leg. At this point he had collected seven of the eight balls bowled and had scored twenty from them. However, after three more singles he covered up to an off-break in Paxton's second over, thinking he had his pads clear of the line of the stumps but the umpire ruled against him.

DISASTER

Alec Pearce came in and then a riot set in. Paxton, in his third over, yanked Ride with a slow one which broke the leg strike. Another stump was broken later, and, however patriotic the Club may be in trying to solve the firewood situation, it will come heavy in gear charges. I suggest spiking a hole for each stump first and then only using a wooden mallet. But to resume the sad story, the second wicket fell at 35, and after he had scored a single, Longfield drove one off Paxton to Lees at mid-off who took a hot catch; 43-3-1. McLellan was bowled by the first ball he received from Moores who had relieved Kyrle. 46-4-0.

"PAR NOBILE FRATRUM"

John Pearce joined his brother and it really looked as if the much-needed stand was going to be made. T. A. Pearce seemed to be quite at home and John was quite comfortable. Glenister then went on and Alec on-drove him for six—a perfect shot. However, for some reason or other, he let out at one that was too short to drive firm-footed and lifted the ball to Kennedy at deep mid-on. Stokes got a single in the same over and then John Pearce went and hit a full-toss to Kennedy—"Cum cecidit fatus consul uterque pari." It was a bad business for the Club as after the Pearce had put on 35, the next three wickets fell for two runs. Moores was certainly bowling well but neither Lloyd nor Isley shaped at him at all.

ANOTHER COLLAPSE

Whitmarsh and Smith opened fairly for the Navy and sent up 28 runs, though Smith should have been caught at mid-off in Owen Hughes's third over. Longfield had been uncertain in his length and Owen Hughes wisely replaced him with McLellan. At 26 Smith missed him and returned, a simple catch to go out for 12. After that another four wickets fell for 23 runs, largely due to a wise change from Owen Hughes to John Pearce. Kennedy completely mislaid one and sent it timely to mid-off. 27-2-6. Manners should have been c and b by McLellan but the bowler fell. However it made little difference as Manners was l.b.w. to Pearce just after 37-3-4. One run later Fifth played back to a good length ball from McLellan who was bowled round the wicket and turning them back from the off. He might have anywhere hit forward. (This reminds me that the Club batsmen got out in playing back to Moores.) 38-4-0. Glenister saw eleven runs added but had not got any of them when Pearce bowled him with a good'un. 49-5-0. So far so bad for the Navy.

ANOTHER CAPTAIN'S INNINGS

Then Lees came in and, as he had done on Wednesday, began to play a



Capt. Whitmarsh, who scored 130 in two innings for the Navy without being out in the Triangular Cricket Tournament match against the H.K.C.C.

Captain's innings again. Whitmarsh was set—but had just dug in. Time and again his back shot dropping the dead bat to a ball saved him. He continued imperturbably and I now know how he got his nickname. Lees played freer cricket—secure in the knowledge the other end was safe. He is a much better bat than he looks at first glance and he played one beautifully wristed shot off his back foot past extra to the Murray Barracks corner off McLellan. At one period he had overhauled Whitmarsh who had a start of 24 runs or so.

CAPTAINCY

Be it clearly understood that I am not being dogmatic or superior when I criticize. Owen Hughes's management of his bowling during this stand which continued unbroken while 37 runs were put on. At the Law courts end there was not much to be said for it. I think he might well have tried Beck (who failed, having another attack of his finger "paralysis") and Lloyd, who has been bowling very well for K.C.C. before going on again himself. But that is, I admit, very arguable. I cannot believe, however, that he was wise to bowl McLellan for 14 consecutive overs at the Yard end. True, he bowled excellently (14-5-29-2 so far) but it is an old and fundamental error of captaincy to go on and on with a man because he is bowling well, not being hit, and making the batsmen play all the time. The usual thing is to rest him and chuck them something else—if necessary something bad—rather than to "bowl them in." It is not as if he had no other bowlers. He never used T. A. Pearce or Isley at all (the latter got a crop of wickets against the Navy at King's Park a few weeks ago). I think, but this subject to correction, while Lloyd only bowled two overs at the end of the day.

However, there should be a most interesting day's play left (I am writing this actually on Sunday) but if the Club are going to win they will have to shoot the Navy out pretty quickly. But I do hope it is warmer, or that the Club will put a radiator in that chilly score-box! I was completely friz on Saturday and thawing costs so much now!

RUGGER MATCHES AT HOME

London, Jan. 2.
Two Rugby Union matches were played to-day, the results being as follows:
Rugby League
Liverpool 2 Widnes 3
Rochdale 2 Huddersfield 20
Rugby Union
Park 11 Feltes-Lorretons 3
Waterloo 12 Birkenhead Park 8
—Reuter.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY

It was much warmer when this game was resumed yesterday though a fairly strong breeze was quite chilly; sufficiently so, at all events for one of the scorers—wild horses shall not drag his name from me—to order his first pint of stout in the New Year. The game started at 11.08 with Lloyd and Longfield bowling.

Two singles came in each of the bowler's first overs, all forward pushes to the covers. In Lloyd's second over Lees should have been stumped. Both bowlers, however, seemed a bit tucked up, and after he had bowled two overs Longfield handed over to McLellan who set out his leg trap. In Lloyd's next over, both batsmen committed their allies, but at 143 after hitting Lloyd for a big four Lees mistimed one and cocked the ball up to mid-on. 143-6-58. A gallant innings. Next over, McLellan bowled a short one which Clayton tried to hook, but it kept low and he was l.b.w.—a bad bit of luck. Next ball Kyrle was caught and bowled—the fifth duck on the side, 148-8-0. The sixth fluttered in when Moores hit a high full-toss to leg from McLellan hard to Longfield's right and the fielder shot out his hand and made a splendid catch. 152-9-0.

A LAST WICKET STAND

Then came a splendid last wicket stand. It is a fact, I believe, in natural history that, apart from the habit of never forgetting, the elephant can move at a tremendous pace when he wants to do so. It was a great stand of 45 runs of which Whitmarsh scored 30, hitting very hard and farming the bowling very judiciously. It was a cruel bit of bad luck that when he had ninety-nine Alec Pearce brought off a magnificent catch at silly mid-on when Paxton hooked a long hop from Owen Hughes very hard. 197-10-0. But the Club had only themselves to thank. Whitmarsh was dropped off most difficult chances at 82 and 84, but Paxton was twice hit down off Owen Hughes at first slip, both stumps. It looked as if in each case first slip was moving up before the shot was played. Either he or second slip could have caught them firm-footed. Navy led by 99 runs.

SECOND HANDS

In the old days it used to be said that the Yard Chimney was always stoked up when the Navy were flagging. It has been dead most of this year's cricket but a lot of smoke was coming across the ground when the Club started batting. I could not see where it was coming from but I have my suspicions. Any way it did not worry Owen Hughes who was set again quickly and scored the first 18 runs in five overs, while Ride had six. Twenty-nine were on the board after six overs and Glenister relieved Paxton at the Law Courts end. Scoring slowed down and at 35 Moores bowled Ride with a good break-back. 35-1-13.

Pearce came in and seemed comfortable but he was once beaten by Moores and survived an appeal for stumping. Glenister gave Owen Hughes three full tosses which all went for four to mid-wicket and then Kyrle had an over before lunch of which six runs were scored.

AFTER LUNCH

A quiet spell came after lunch. It was obviously the Club's last chance for Pearce and Owen Hughes to get going together. The first four overs yielded four runs, and the first nine only ten runs from the bat. The bowling was excellent and at 73 Moores clean beat Pearce and took his off stump 73-2-7. There was an appeal for both a catch at the wicket and a stump next ball but Longfield got the decision on both counts. However, he let out at one which must have been nearly a half volley and his off peg went. 73-3-0 and things looked grim for the Club.

McLellan held an end up and hit three fours and a two, while Owen Hughes also got busy and completed his fifty and the arrears were wiped off. Paxton bowled McLellan with a no ball but to show there was no feeling he bowled him with his next 107-4-14.

The next stand produced 30 runs, of which several were byes. Owen Hughes batted very well until, with his score at 81, he was l.b.w. to one of Glenister's which he tried to sweep to leg. 144-5-81. Stokes came in but with eleven added Pearce clean mis-gave a very short one from Glenister and was bowled. The ball kept a bit low certainly but he should have hit it. As a matter of fact since the pitch had seemed to be wearing at both ends, judging from

the amount of gardening the batsmen were doing. At the same total, 157, Lloyd let out at Glenister and hit the ball straight to Whitmarsh at long off, taking a pair of spectacles. Isley and Stokes both snicked fours between first slip and the stumper but then the latter had a go at Moores, who had succeeded Manners and was caught at cover. 158-6-7. Beck was stumped off Glenister at the same score. The Navy wanted 69 to win.

SEVEN WICKETS WIN

The first over from Longfield yielded thirteen, a single to Smith and three fours to Whitmarsh, one to long leg, and two to third man where there was no one fielding deep. The Club, however, were not going to let the Navy get away with it too easily and McLellan going on after Longfield's first over, Smith bowled at 24 and Kennedy caught at cover. 32. Owen Hughes went on for Lloyd when the latter had bowled three overs.

At 49, Isley relieved McLellan and after his first four balls had yielded four, he had Manners caught at extra for 14. 50-3-14. Pearce (J.C.L.) went on for Owen Hughes. But the game was gone and Whitmarsh and Firth hit off the runs easily. The former had scored 130 for no times out!

Navy won by 7 wickets and thoroughly deserved their win.

SCORES

H.K.C.C. 1st. Inns. 98.
Navy 1st. Inns. 197 (Capt. Whitmarsh 99 not out). D. McLellan 6 for 63).

CLUB—2ND INS.

L. T. Ride, b Moores	13
W. Owen Hughes, l.b.w. Glenister	81
T. A. Pearce, b Moores	7
G. P. Longfield, b Moores	0
D. McLellan, b Paxton	14
J. L. C. Pearce, b Glenister	42
F. H. Stokes, c Manners b Moores	7
N. D. Lloyd, c Whitmarsh b Glenister	0
J. Isley, c Kyrle b Glenister	5
A. C. Beck, at Clayton b Glenister	0
J. H. Fox, not out	18
Extras	0
Total	167

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Paxton	7	2	32	1
Moores	18	4	40	4
Glenister	10.4	2	34	5
Kyrle	1	—	6	—
Whitmarsh	8	2	19	—
Manners	6	1	18	—

NAVY—2ND INS.

L. S. Smith, b McLellan	10
Capt. Whitmarsh, not out	31
Lt.-Comdr. Kennedy, c T. A. Pearce b McLellan	7
Lt. Manners c J. L. C. Pearce b Isley	14
Lt. Firth, not out	17
Extras	0
Total (for 3 wickets)	79

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Longfield	1	—	13	—
Lloyd	3	—	9	—
McLellan	6	1	17	2
Owen Hughes	4	1	7	—
Isley	3	—	21	1
J. L. C. Pearce	2	—	12	—

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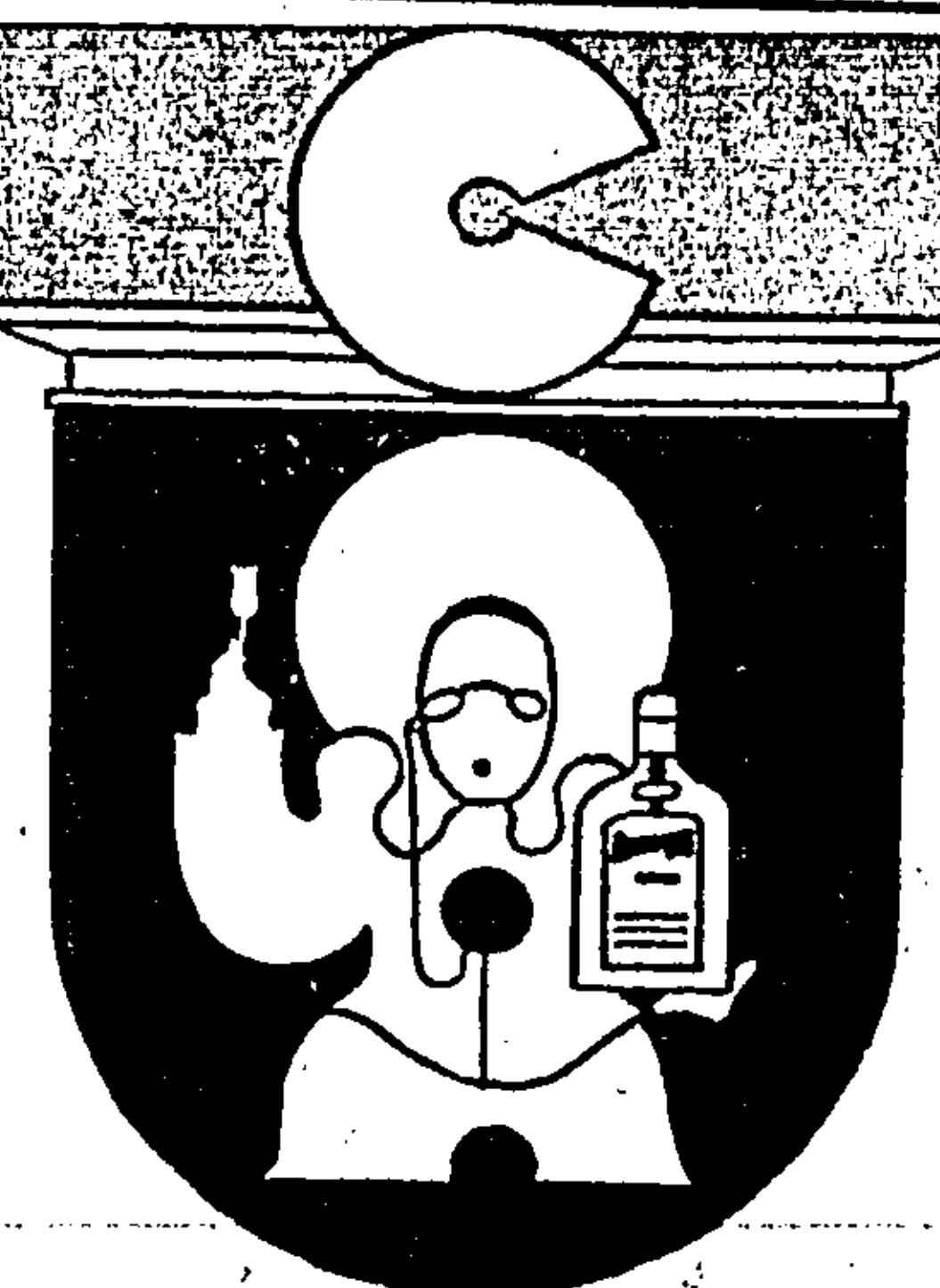
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CHINESE NEWSPAPERS ASSAIL WANG

Bitter Attacks On Former Minister's Demand For Peace

MYSTERIOUS ORIGIN OF STATEMENT

Hongkong newspapers are unanimous in their attack upon the peace statement allegedly issued by Wang Ching-wei. Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, veteran Kuomintang woman leader, urges the dismissal of Mr. Wang by the Kuomintang to prevent him going to Nanking as a party representative.

Shanghai believes that if Mr. Wang's interpretation of Prince Konoye's demands is correct, Chungking might consider using his points as a basis for negotiation.

A Japanese message from Peiping says the officials of the Provisional Government are fully endorsing the statement issued by Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

In Tokyo the Wang Ching-wei declaration is prominently displayed by the newspapers but there is no editorial comment because the papers are waiting an official lead. Mr. Wang, it is stated, misrepresents Prince Konoye's proposals on several vital points.

In London it is believed that if Wang's present move fails he will try to get more favourable terms from Japan to submit to Chiang Kai-shek. Rumours that he might join the Japanese sponsored governments are scouted.

The "United Press" issues an amazing story of Mr. Wang Ching-wei's defection. It alleges that Wang has long been making secret but unsuccessful efforts to enlist the support of the Szechuan and Yunnan military leaders for his programme. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's growing determination to continue the war, exemplified by his visits to the new bases in Siam and Lanchow, is stated to have made Wang's position untenable after news of his activities leaked out, whereupon Mr. Wang's followers circulated a note that "Wang Ching-wei is in danger and we must get him out of Chungking." This was finally accomplished by Mr. Wang's partisan, the Vice-Minister of Communications, Mr. Peng Hsueh-pei, who provided him with a plane. Mr. Peng has since been arrested.

The "United Press" message alleges that Wang tried to win the allegiance of the Provincial Governor of Yunnan, General Lung Yun, immediately reported to Marshal Chiang. Mr. Wang fled to Hanoi where his followers, Messrs. Chen Kung-po (the well-known politician and former Minister of Industry), Chow Fu-hai (head of the Publicity Department of the Chinese Government) and Tseng Chung-ming (former Vice-Minister of Railways), followed.

KONOYE'S TERMS IN ADVANCE

A further sensational angle is disclosed by the alleged discovery of a draft of Prince Konoye's declaration, which had been secretly shown to Mr. Wang for approval before issue.

Mr. Wang has been in Hongkong since December 27. When the Japanese learned of Mr. Wang's flight, they expressed annoyance that he had left too early, since they wished him to remain and attempt to sound possible supporters for his ideas during the forthcoming Kuomintang Congress.

"For this reason," his emissaries are now trying to contact the Old Guard Kuomintang members overseas. Mr. Wang is also in contact with the Wu Pei-fu group in Peiping. "Further reliable information states that the Japanese intend to use Mr. Wang if they can in an attempt to set up a puppet administration in the South-west. In this connection, it is notable that while the Japanese Army usually takes charge of similar secret service work, this job is in the hands of the Naval Intelligence, since South China is primarily in their sphere of influence.

"Mr. Wang's flight, however, has practically destroyed his value, even

for the Japanese, since he has failed in his main task of enlisting Yunnan support in order to cut off China's new communications.

YUNNAN DISCONTENT

It is learned from officials of the Reorganized Kwangtung Government now in Hongkong that the cause of Yunnan's discontent was the despatch of most Yunnanese troops to the front and lack of arms and munitions for the Yunnan provincial defence.

When Marshal Chiang Kai-shek heard of the intrigue he immediately arranged a meeting with General Lung Yun to whom he promised that the Central Government would re-equip the provincial troops and arms.

"It is alleged that Chiang told the Yunnan Governor that since most of Chiang's army now pass through Yunnanfu from Hanoi and Huiyong, in future a fair share of the munitions will be assigned to the Yunnanese Army. The meeting is said to have been concluded successfully."

CHIANG NOT INFORMED

Chungking, Dec. 31. Reuter is authoritatively informed, concerning the telegram alleged to have been sent by Mr. Wang Ching-wei and addressed to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek proposing to discuss peace terms with Japan on three conditions, that "the Generalissimo has received no such telegram."—Reuter.

VIEWS OF OFFICIALS

Chungking, Dec. 31. Officialdom generally disagrees with Mr. Wang Ching-wei's statement and regards it as the latter's personal views. The points regarding an anti-Communist and economic co-operation are particularly objectionable.

It is reiterated that in Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's statement Wang Ching-wei is regarded now as a private citizen only. Certain circles even regard Mr. Wang Ching-wei as a traitor. An official statement is expected later.

Chinese circles say that Mr. Wang Ching-wei has damaged the Chinese cause more by staying in Hongkong and issuing statements than if he went to Peiping to participate in the Japanese sponsored regime. They state that if Mr. Wang went to Peiping all the Chinese people would cast him off and brand him as a traitor. If he returned to Chungking he would probably be welcomed, though shorn of power; but by staying in Hongkong straddling the fence and issuing peace statements, he might disorganise Chinese opinion.



WANG CHING-WEI

Wang's Manifesto

Statement Causes Stir In Shanghai

which hoped for the return of Wang Ching-wei to the fold. That might cause the belief abroad that there was some disunion among Chinese officials, which is said to be untrue, opinion throughout China being united with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's policy of resistance.—United Press.

PHILIPPINES REACTION

Manila, Dec. 31. The Fukien Times under the headline: "Carry on the Resistance.—No Compromise," says that the Chinese throughout the Philippines oppose Mr. Wang Ching-wei's proposals.

The paper states that the Chinese in the Philippines pledge their support to Chiang Kai-shek in carrying on the war.—United Press.

PEIPING REACTION

Peiping, Jan. 1. Although no official comments are available it is understood that the authorities of the Provisional Government are fully endorsing the statement issued by Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Political circles point out that Mr. Wang proposes restoration of peace in a frank manner on the basis of a new conception of Far Eastern politics. Japan's fundamental policies, as enunciated in Premier Konoye's statement on December 21, are upheld by the Kuomintang leader.

The specific significance of Mr. Wang's move is, according to local political observers, that the veteran member of the Nationalist Party is running all risks in giving expression to what many Chinese, including party men, are thinking but are unable to voice openly. It is understood that there are many Chinese officials even in the Kuomintang Government who are increasingly hoping for peace.—Domest.

TOKYO SILENT

Tokyo, Dec. 31. The vernacular newspapers feature Mr. Wang Ching-wei's Hongkong statement.

Meanwhile a series of Cabinet conferences are being held to deal with China developments and the proposed reconstruction of the Cabinet.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei's declaration is regarded as the first step towards the desired settlement. However, the next move is uncertain. Officials believe that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's authority is crumbling, but they are proceeding cautiously.—United Press.

TOKYO SCEPTICAL

Tokyo, Dec. 31. The Wang Ching-wei declaration is prominently displayed on the front pages of the Japanese newspapers but is not editorially commented upon.

Official quarters decline to comment and doubt whether the declaration represents the views of actually responsible members of the Chinese Central Government.

Japanese Government circles are far more interested in the background of the departure of Mr. Wang Ching-wei from Chungking, because they want to avoid the risk of being misled by a manoeuvre of Mr. Wang Ching-wei prompted by personal reasons.

As long as some uncertainty exists in Tokyo regarding the latest events in Chungking, Tokyo political circles do not believe in a peace gesture towards China.—Trans-Ocean.

POINTS MISREPRESENTED

Tokyo, Jan. 1. The Japanese press hitherto is silent regarding Mr. Wang Ching-wei's statement, waiting an official lead in view of the fact that Mr. Wang Ching-wei misrepresents Prince

PRESS IN HONGKONG REJECTS PROPOSAL

Konoye's proposals on several vital points.—Reuter.

WANG IN HANOI?

Hanoi, Jan. 1. Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who is staying here on a self-imposed exile from Chungking, is planning to proceed to Hongkong shortly. Mr. Wang for some time recuperated in a local hospital, but he left it several days ago and has recovered his health.—Domest.

Hongkong Chinese sources say that Mr. Wang arrived here some days ago.

HONGKONG COMMENTS

Taken completely by surprise by the statement of Mr. Wang Ching-wei the Hongkong Chinese newspapers indulge in bitter comment. Challenging the points raised in the statement, the Wah Kiu Yat Po says that if the Japanese have no territorial ambition the Lukouchiao incident could never have occurred. If the Japanese really repent the least they can do is to show their sincerity by withdrawing troops from China and talking peace afterwards. Such a tremendous problem as peace cannot be solved by circular telegrams and Wang should return immediately to Chungking, where as Deputy Chairman of the Kuomintang there is nothing which he cannot discuss with the highest authorities. The "Sung Sheng Daily News" says: "We wish to represent the Chinese and way this much to Mr. Wang Ching-wei. For China to compromise now is to surrender, which means entire subjugation. That will be opposed by 450,000,000 Chinese people. The Japanese have not defeated the Chinese; and any change in the national policy of resistance will result in the most serious disunion within the country."

"The aggressor has now found himself in a most serious position in military, political, diplomatic and economic spheres," says the Hongkong Sun Pao, which adds: "All the peace talks from Japanese sources are merely underhand means to cause a split within the National Government, and to subjugate China without the expense of a war." The paper regretted that the "peace statement" should have been issued by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the author of the "scorched earth policy."

THE KONOYE STATEMENT

Revealing that before December 22, when the Japanese Prime Minister Prince Konoye issued his statement on peace terms with the Chinese Government, Wang Ching-wei had already conveyed the Japanese terms to the Central authorities in Chungking; the Sing Tao Jih Pao

charges Wang Ching-wei with acting as a double to Prince Konoye.

Wang Ching-wei left Chungking on December 18, four days before the Japanese Prime Minister released his declaration, the paper points out.

Every time when China suffered a reverse during the fighting, the paper continues, Wang never failed to take advantage to propose peace with the Japanese in response to the enemy political and military pressure.

"It is most ridiculous to find that Wang's message is but a copy of Konoye's statement," declares the newspaper. "However, it is most certain that the vicious Wang-Konoye double play will not in the least influence our determined will to carry on the holy war against the invaders."

The South China Daily News, which is known for its pro-Wang Ching-wei attitude, comments in its editorial that the statement by Wang Ching-wei to the Central Office is in the nature of a suggestion. Mr. Wang's long association with the Kuomintang and with the Government has given him a deep understanding of conditions in China, which to-day are critical. As the issue at stake concerns the life and death of all Chinese this proposal to the Central Government was made only after the most careful consideration.

WOMAN LEADER'S ATTACK

One of the oldest Kuomintang women leaders, in Hongkong, Mrs. Liao Chung-kai (widow of the late Mr. Liao Chung-kai, former Canton Finance Commissioner who was assassinated) has issued a statement denouncing Mr. Wang Ching-wei. She advocates dismissal of Mr. Wang by the Kuomintang to prevent him from going to Nanking as a representative of the Kuomintang. She says that this is no time for any "anti-Chiang Kai-shek movement," and if any one has a personal feud with Chiang this is the time to forget it.

A SERIOUS MATTER

London, Jan. 1. The Chinese Central Government, it is clear, is now divided upon the continuance of war, says the "Daily Telegraph," and Mr. Wang Ching-wei, an old revolutionary who drafted Sun Yat-sen's will, and was his favourite disciple, carries authority sufficient to make his defect on a serious matter. Were he to persuade the Japanese to withdraw their troops "a basis for discussion" might indeed be found in the terms Prince Konoye outlined, though they would need modification. But what chance would Prince Konoye, or any other Japanese statesman have of obtaining from the generals and admirals who really rule Japan, military withdrawal as a preliminary to negotiations? Indeed, what hope is there of more moderate terms even then?—Reuter.

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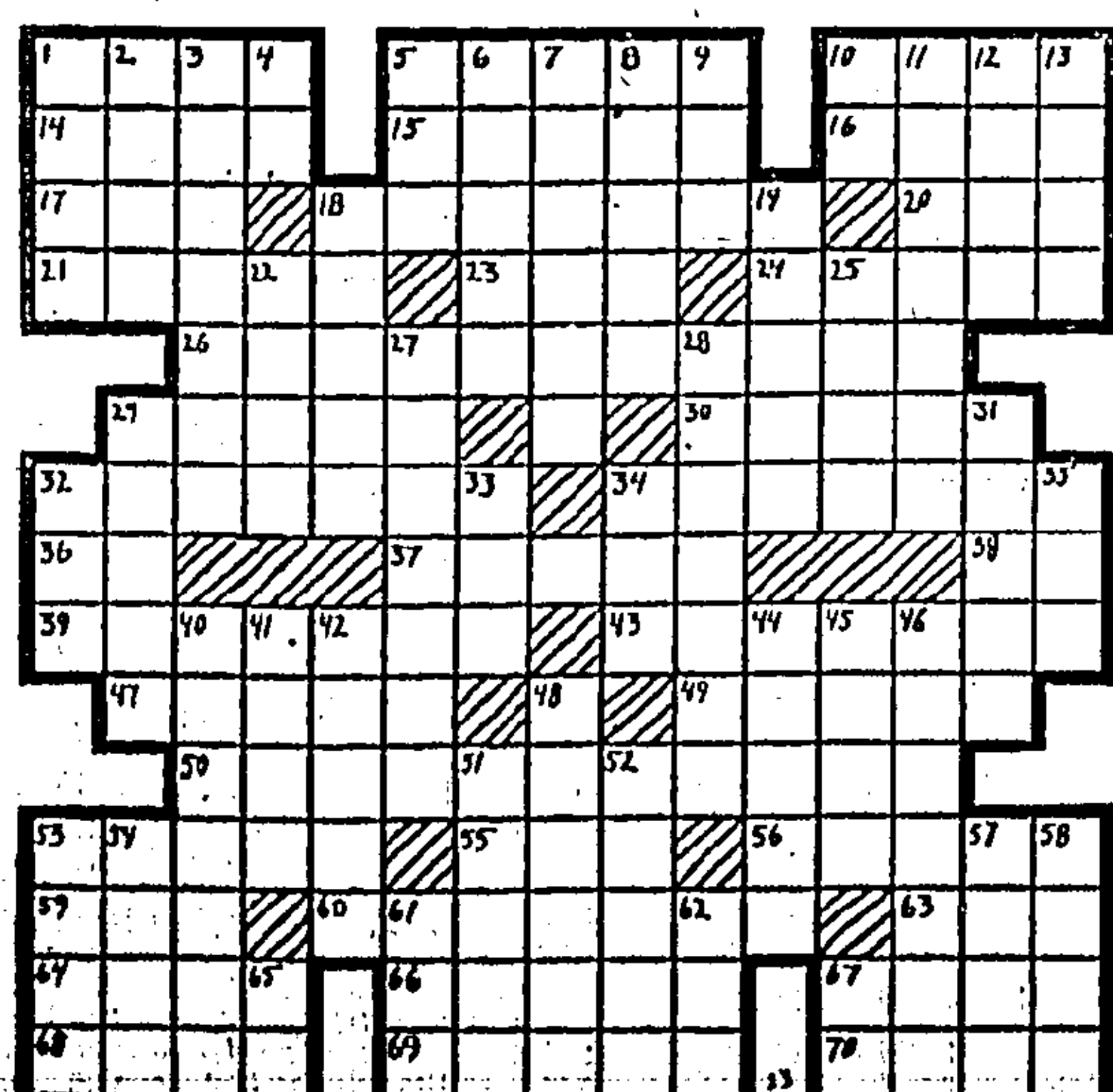
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ACROSS

- Card game
- Take out
- Leave out
- Herian oil
- Deceive (abbr.)
- Cor int
- In dition to
- Misrepresented
- Excite to vigorous
- Thought
- Chemical sum
- On hind legs
- Argument
- Containing fluid
- Type of articulation
- Arms factory
- Enrich a title of nobility
- Possession actually
- By reason of
- Adapted to excite
- Uttered in throat
- Woman's garment
- Kind of candy (pl.)
- Consequence
- Of no consequence
- Word of unknown meaning in phrase
- Frozen water
- Money paid as price
- Angry condition
- Not a macy
- Younger
- Lack of shoe

DOWN

- Type of warning signal
- Summer (French)
- Belonging to
- Port to unvance in
- One who tremors
- Let of twice fire
- Kentian constituent
- Devotion for trying
- Certain
- Combining term
- Within
- Crack coin
- Must unannounced
- Part of bar
- Healer
- Common gas
- Believable side
- Of a harness
- Flattening
- Now
- Part of eye
- Attack on all sides
- Closure by flooding
- During some past time
- Workshop
- One who offers
- Corrupting gift
- Unlabeled
- More sorrowful
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Groups of people returning home with the dawn, bespoke the thorough send-off that was given to the Old Year with its trials and tribulations. Enquiries confirmed that the merry-making was generally as orderly as it was enthusiastic.

For the Scottish community Hogmanay is a specially important occasion and numerous homes welcomed the first dark of the night, particularly if he or she carried luck in the shape of a piece of coal.

Some 4,000 people went to hotels and cabarets for dances on both sides of the harbour, while hundreds attended Watch Night services in the churches.

The note of the season was struck by His Excellency the Governor, in the following message:

"I believe sincerely that 1939 is dawning hopefully for the world. There have been many recent signs that the conscience and the common sense of humanity are prevailing against the forces which have done their violence for so long. Let us then take as the New Year's slogan 'Lift up your hearts!'"

This message was broadcast by Z.B.W. at 11.15 time yesterday.

A great number of people began Saturday evening quietly with a visit to the cinema, all of which reported big bookings. Others went early at the hotels where special programmes had been got up for their enjoyment. The Hongkong Hotel catered for 750 diners which number was later swelled to a thousand who were entertained by cabaret turns and dance music.

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The Peninsula Hotel gratified its 600 patrons with novelties and cabarets and the Repulse Bay Hotel, where 250 diners increased to 500 as the night wore on, put on an excellent programme of dance and music by three well-known amateur artists, Ellen Ford, Peggy Scotcher and Peter Randolph.

Service men found their amusements catered for chiefly at the Hotel Cecil and the St. Francis Hotel, the latter having the benefit of the Kent Harmonica Band.

All restaurants such as the China Emporium and Jimmy's Kitchen served a special menu for those who chose to have their New Year dinner out. The dance cabarets enjoyed exceptionally good custom.

The time signal given by means of lights from the Royal Observatory mast, was followed at midnight by an outburst of fireworks in many parts of the island and mainland. The crackle of these and the numerous lights over the Colony made a thrilling experience for watchers from the Peak and ships in harbour. The latter added the blasts of their sirens to the chorus.

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KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

Fancy Dress Gala Dance Well Attended

One of the gayest functions held was the Fancy Dress Dance at the Kowloon Cricket Club, which was attended by a large gathering who ushered in the New Year in traditional style.

Four hundred and ten persons were present and the spirit of conviviality prevailed throughout the evening, with the orchestra of the 2nd. Bn. Royal Scots supplying the music for dancing, continued until the early hours of the morning. The Lambeth Walk, as usual, proved the most popular dance of the evening.

The originality of the fancy costumes and the myriads of colours in the brilliantly decorated hall added to the gaiety of the function, and the judges had a difficult task in deciding the winners.

Miss Loider Elmloff, as "Night," was awarded the prize for the best dressed lady, and Mr. W. W. Hirst, as "Henry VIII" won the gentlemen's prize. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith as Mickey and Minnie Mouse were awarded the prizes for the most comical costumes.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. V. C. Labrum, while the judges were Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie and Mrs. H. Jordan.

Mr. T. W. Carr acted as Master of Ceremonies, and carried out his duties well.

A very large fancy dress party was held at the Peak Club, where

EMPIRE NEWS

Ottawa. Parliament will assemble on January 12. The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, officially announced the date after a Cabinet meeting recently.

He declined to reveal the Government's legislative programme, but it is believed that the Royal visit, the new Anglo-Canadian trade agreement, domestic defence, foreign policy, a minimum wheat price, the unemployment relief problem and prison reform will be the chief subjects of debate.

There is a growing agitation in some circles to modify or abolish the most favoured nation benefits automatically extended to Germany, Italy and Japan under the Canadian-American Treaty. This is likely to lead to heated debate. It is believed unlikely that the Government will take such action, because it believes that Canada, as an exporting country, has a broader advantage on the whole.

There is also likely to be bitter debate on the defence estimates and foreign policy in the light of European developments. It is understood that the Government may increase the defence estimates to £10,000,000. It is expected that the Speech from the Throne will stress the importance of the Royal tour.

The King's Birthday.—The King's birthday will be observed in Canada next year on May 20, while their Majesties are visiting Ottawa, instead of on June 1. The change will be made by Order in Council.

SOUTH AFRICA

DOMINION PARTY AND STATUS ACTS

Cape Town. The "Natal Mercury," which has been the main Press organ of the Dominion Party, opposes the recent decision of the party to continue to press for repeal of the Status Acts.

"While the Acts were under discussion," states the newspaper, "we opposed them with every weapon in our power; but they were endorsed by an overwhelming majority of the electorate at the last election, and democratic government would be an impossibility if such a verdict were not accepted."

At the same time, the newspaper stressed that apart from that point it held the same views as the Dominion party.

NEW ZEALAND

NO COMPULSION FOR DEFENCE

Auckland. Mr. W. E. Barnard, Speaker of the House of Representatives, said the Government was opposed to compulsory military training. Its policy was dependent on the response to the call for volunteers for home defence.

H.M.S. Achilles.—The cruiser Achilles, of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, is leaving here for England for refit. The crew will be given a civic send-off at Auckland.

Cadets for Canberra.—Five New Zealand cadets are to be sent by the Army Department to the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Canberra, on March 1 to begin four years' training to take commissions in the New Zealand staff corps. At present there are 20 New Zealanders taking such courses at Duntroon.

INDIA

RAJKOT PEACE TALK FAILS

Bombay. Sir Patrick Cadell, Dewan of Rajkot State, had a three-hour talk recently with Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel, the Congress leader, about the future of the State.

Rajkot is 120 miles south-west of Ahmedabad. Rioting occurred there among students in August and many people were injured. The disorder broke out near Rajkumar College, where the sons of ruling chiefs are educated.

During the interview insurmountable obstacles arose, and the parties did not find common ground. It is understood that Mr. Patel stipulated for a substantial measure of responsible government.

Vacancies In The Navy

The Navy is giving direct entry to qualified fitters, fitters and turners, boiler-makers, cooper-smiths, engine-smiths, and instrument-makers between the ages of 18 and 23. It offers a career in which pay allowances are high, employment secure, advancement rapid, and the work varied and interesting. Engagement is for 12 years, followed generally by a further 10 if desired, and then retirement on a pension of about £85 a year. This is a good opportunity for the skilled mechanic who wishes to serve his country.

The King had a shooting party at Sandringham and later he distributed presents to 200 members of the staff at Sandringham. The Queen and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose were present at the function.—Reuter.

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New Cinema In West End

The West End is to have another cinema in February. It will be called the Paris, and is now being built on the site, 4-12, Regent-street, where an amusement centre with two cinemas was originally planned. The Paris will be controlled by the Marquis de Casa Maury and Capt. H. G. Morrison, who control the Curzon Cinema.

Titanic Film Plan Protest

New York. Plans for making a film of the Titanic disaster were described recently in the stage and screen magazine, "Variety," which also states that the Cunard White Star Line is understood to have lodged a formal complaint with the Department of State in Washington.

The White Star liner Titanic sank in the Atlantic after collision with an iceberg on her maiden voyage to the United States on April 21, 1912, with a loss of 1,503 lives.

Officials of the shipping company project had been under discussion for several months, but state that any action in such a matter could be taken only by the company's head office in England. It was obvious, however, they added, that objection could be taken, since a film of this nature might alarm travellers.

"Variety" quotes a Hollywood spokesman of the Seznick International Picture Corporation as saying: "We have no intention of abandoning the picture. In fact, we have brought Richard Blaker, the English novelist, to write the story, and engaged the British director, Alfred Hitchcock, to make the film."

Hawaii Invites Negro Team

Memphis, Tenn. LeMoyné Negro College's Mad Magicians, second ranking Negro college football team in the nation, has been invited to play the University of Hawaii at Honolulu on Dec. 9, 1940. The game would be a benefit affair.

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